**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO APPLAUD THE BELTON‑HONEA PATH HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL SEASON AND TO SALUTE THEM ON WINNING THE 2019 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, on Saturday, November 23, 2019, the Belton‑Honea Path (BHP) High School competitive cheer team inaugurated what may prove to be a new cheerleading dynasty in capturing the 2019 Class AAAA state cheer title, and they did it with style, defeating nearest competitor Palmetto 326‑281; and

Whereas, the undefeated Lady Bears made school history twice this season: They took home the school’s first state title in competitive cheer, and, for the first time, won the top award at each of their competitions. They also were back-to-back Upper State champions and regional champions for the fifth consecutive year; and

Whereas, further, the Belton‑Honea Path JV cheer squad won its second consecutive state championship, causing pundits to predict a bright future for BHP’s already stellar cheer program; and

Whereas, with the able assistance of a top‑flight coaching staff, BHP’s Coach Stephanie Cooley‑Hughes led her athletes to the pinnacle of the mountain at the title competition and found the view worth the climb; and

Whereas, the General Assembly, appreciative of the well‑deserved recognition these athletes have brought to their school and community, congratulates the Lady Bears, and the members look with interest toward hearing of their further exploits as competitive cheer champions. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, applaud the Belton‑Honea Path High School competitive cheer team, coaches, and school officials for an exceptional season and salute them on winning the 2019 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Mary Boarts and Coach Stephanie Cooley‑Hughes of Belton‑Honea Path High School.

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