**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, with its usual precision and grace, the Chapin High School competitive cheer team proved its mettle and earned gold at the state competition, held at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Saturday, November 17, 2018; and

Whereas, showcasing its continued dominance in the sport of cheerleading, Chapin sewed up its state‑record fourteenth state title and its tenth in the last eleven years; and

Whereas, in beating out Region 5‑5A rivals River Bluff, Lexington, and Dutch Fork, Chapin also accomplished an unprecedented feat: Chapin’s was the first‑ever athletics program to win four titles in four classifications since competitive cheer became a sport in 1996; and

Whereas, further, in wrapping up the Class AAAAA win, the Lady Eagles showed all comers that they had learned this critical lesson: “Discipline is just choosing between what you want now and what you want most.” These athletes demonstrated their discipline by practicing every single day, including weekends, from August 1 on; and

Whereas, Head Coach Vicki Williams, supported by Assistant Coach Billie Williams, taught her team how to persist and fly high above all the rest and so propelled the Lady Eagles to yet another championship title, the thirteenth she has earned at the helm of the Chapin competitive cheer program; and

Whereas, proud of the fine achievements of these young athletes, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in applauding the Chapin competitive cheer team and wish its members much continued success in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the Chapin High School competitive cheer team, coaches, and school officials for a superb season and congratulate them on capturing the Class AAAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Michael Ames and Head Coach Vicki Williams.

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