**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM’S COACHES, STAFF, AND RUNNERS ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

Whereas, refusing to settle for less than their best, the Thomas Sumter Academy girls cross country team members worked hard like the Lady Generals they are to earn their first‑ever state crown at the 2018 South Carolina Independent School Aassociation Class 2A State Championship meet, held at Heathwood Hall in Columbia; and

Whereas, as they bested Spartanburg Day, their nearest competitor and winner of the last eleven state meets, the Lady Generals proved they are a dynasty in the making; and

Whereas, in a field that demands discipline, practice, and focused energy, Head Coach Rob Coursey capitalized on his own athletic skills to mold a championship team and teach these young runners lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life, both in athletic and other endeavors; and

Whereas, making a sweet victory even sweeter, Thomas Sumter’s Bella Crowe, a senior, was the top finisher in the girls race. Not far behind was her running mate, senior Aubrey Stoddard, who finished second. Both of these fine runners made All‑State; and

Whereas, grateful for their excellence, the House takes great pleasure in recognizing the Lady Generals of the Thomas Sumter Academy girls cross country team, and the members look with interest to hearing of their future accomplishments. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Thomas Sumter Academy girls cross country team on capturing the 2018 South Carolina Independent School Association Class 2A State Championship title and congratulate the team’s coaches, staff, and runners on a superlative season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. F.L. Martin III, head of school, and Head Coach Rob Coursey of Thomas Sumter Academy.

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