**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Palmetto High School cheerleading squad of Anderson County took top honors for the third consecutive year at the state competition held in Columbia at the Colonial Life Arena on Saturday, November 17, 2018; and

Whereas, after their first state championship in 2016, the Palmetto Lady Mustangs adopted the motto, “Road Two State,” and when community and parental involvement reached a new level that year, the formula for repeat success was born; and

Whereas, although the Lady Mustangs had lost eight seniors from that year’s championship squad, they added fourteen talented newcomers to the 28‑person squad, and training from the previous years which ran deep, together with determined work, brought a second title to life; and

Whereas, in 2017, Palmetto defeated its nearest rival, Brookland‑Cayce High School for the second year in a row, this time by 46 points, and the squad advanced to Class AAAA for the 2018 competition; and

Whereas, because cheerleading has become a year‑round sport, the Lady Mustangs began preparation right away for 2018 in the hope of catching a triple crown. They were determined to create a program of jumps, stunts, tumbling, choreography, and transitions that would make them champions in the larger Class AAAA with heightened execution and a greater degree of difficulty; and

Whereas, in the six years that Carol Brooks has led the program, Palmetto has reached the state finals every year, finishing third, then second, and third before winning back‑to‑back-to-back titles; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands precision, grace, and strength, Head Coach Carol Brooks and assistant coach for choreography, Spencer Davis, capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to build a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the mats; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Palmetto competition cheerleaders have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments 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, recognize and honor the Palmetto High School varsity cheerleading squad, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2018 South Carolina Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Robert A. Roach and Coach Carol Brooks.

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