**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE MID‑CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2018 STATE AAA COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to recognize the Mid‑Carolina High School cheerleading team for winning the 2018 State AAA Competitive Cheerleading Championship on Saturday, November 17, 2018; and

Whereas, this state championship win marks Mid‑Carolina’s first title, after three runner‑up finishes in 2005, 2013, and 2015. This year, Mid‑Carolina competed against sixteen teams and finished with 270 points, seven more points than the runner up, Liberty High School; and

Whereas, for the competition, Mid-Carolina’s senior cheerleaders chose to center their routine around the theme of baseball, in honor of Coach Bedenbaugh’s son Will, who passed away in a car accident in 2010 and played for Charleston Southern University. With their theme in mind, the cheerleaders wore baseball socks with Will Power on the side, added baseballs to their bows, and performed to baseball music; and

Whereas, prior to the state competition, Mid-Carolina competed in two preliminary competitions and the state qualifier, where Mid-Carolina came in second out of twenty-five teams. Over the summer and throughout the school year, the team had a dedicated practice schedule, and by October, the cheerleaders were often practicing six or seven days a week. The team also attended ACX American Cheer Extreme in Irmo for training; and

Whereas, Coach Sherry Bedenbaugh and Coach Green led the Mid-Carolina High School team to victory; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the Mid-Carolina High School cheerleading team has brought to its school and community and look forward to a future filled with accomplishments by the team and its talented athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Mid‑Carolina High School cheerleading team, coaches, and school officials on an outstanding season and honor them for winning the 2018 State AAA Competitive Cheerleading Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Mid-Carolina High School cheerleading team.

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