**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE D. W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY GOLF TEAM AND COACHES 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 Daniel High School golf team of Pickens County took top honors at the state tournament held at the Hackler Course on the campus of Coastal Carolina University in Conway on Tuesday, October 23, 2018; and

Whereas, to the delight of their exuberant fans, the Daniel Lady Lions defeated a competitive county rival, Pickens High School, by a convincing thirty‑eight strokes to garner the team’s first state championship in the program’s history; and

Whereas, after the first day of the tournament, Daniel High had only a four‑stroke lead over the Pickens Blue Flames, but the Lady Lions distanced themselves from Pickens with every hole they played on the second day; and

Whereas, two seniors led the way for Daniel High, Gillian O’Brien and Emileigh Swords, daughter of the coach, shooting 155 and 159, respectively, and finishing fifth and sixth to be included in All‑State honors. Adrienne O’Brien shot just outside of the top ten; and

Whereas, Courtney Collins shot a great score on Monday for the Lady Lions and held it strong on Tuesday while teammates Peyton O’Brien and Jennifer Gao split Monday and Tuesday, both playing well and contributing to the team’s victory; and

Whereas, well over a decade ago, Daniel High developed a strong program that has come down to the state championship throughout all those years. The team that won the state title in 2018 built on the strength of the foundation laid during those years in order to bring home the trophy at last; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strategy and proficiency on the fairways and greens, Head Coach Andy Swords and his skilled coaching staff maximized their own athletic ability and training to produce a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable throughout the courses of life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Daniel High golfers have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued achievements in the days to come. 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 D. W. Daniel High School girls varsity golf team and coaches 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 Shannon Sharkey and Coach Andy Swords.

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