**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHANDLER SMALLEY FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR WINNING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA/A INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that Chandler Smalley of Abbeville County took top honors at the state tournament held at Anderson Civic Center on Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23, 2019; and

Whereas, with impressive fortitude, Chandler, who wrestled in the 145‑pound weight class, won his semifinal match by a 6‑0 decision on Friday and then defeated his final opponent from Military Magnet Academy on Saturday to garner his fourth first‑place individual state medal in as many tries; and

Whereas, a senior at Dixie High School from Donalds, he grapples with the Abbeville High School team because Dixie High does not field a wrestling team; and

Whereas, when the Lander University wrestling program celebrated its first National Signing Day in November 2018 with ten student‑athletes, Chandler was among them, and he will begin his collegiate wrestling career in the 2019‑2020 school year; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands mental stamina and individual excellence, Chandler Smalley maximized his athletic ability and experience to become a championship wrestler, all the while learning lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the mats; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly appreciates the pride and recognition that Chandler Smalley has brought to his community, and the members expect to hear of his continued achievements in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Chandler Smalley for an extraordinary season and congratulate him for winning the 2019 South Carolina High School League Class AA/A Individual State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Chandler Smalley.

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