**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE DIXIE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Dixie High School boys soccer team of Abbeville County took top honors at the state championship on Saturday, May 11, 2019; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their exuberant fans, the top‑ranked Dixie High Hornets defeated second‑ranked Royal Live Oaks Academy of the Arts & Sciences Charter School 2‑0 to win the team’s first state championship title in the school’s history; and

Whereas, star player, senior Bradley Nickles, scored both goals for the Dixie Hornets to clinch the state title. Nickles, who broke the school’s goal-scoring record earlier this year, finishes his career at Dixie with 176 goals, 76 of which were scored during his senior year. Nickles’ career goal-scoring mark is the highest in the nation, according to MaxPreps; and

Whereas, in addition to earning the State championship, five members of the Dixie High boys soccer team have been named to the Class A All‑State team. These members include seniors Tyler Branham, Zach Gamble, Bradley Nickles, and Jeremy Overholt, and junior, Liam Habbard; and

Whereas, in a sport that exacts precision, strength, and speed, Head Coach Brian Gamble and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own experience and passion to forge a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the pitch; and

Whereas, the journey to winning the state title required discipline, dedication, and teamwork, qualities that always will serve these young men well both on and off the soccer field. With admiration, the House recognizes and applauds the outstanding work of the Dixie High School boys soccer team and wishes its members much continued success in all their future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Dixie High School boys soccer team, coaches, and school officials for a remarkable season and for winning the 2019 South Carolina Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Lori Brewton and Coach Brian Gamble.

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