**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM’S COACHES, STAFF, AND RUNNERS ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

Whereas, despite injuries to three runners, the members of the Greenwood Christian School boys cross country team were determined to make ready for a successful defense of their 2018 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) 2A crown. Their degree of success? Finishing with 69 points, the Hawks beat nearest competitor Spartanburg Christian (75 points) and packed up hardware only champions get to take home; and

Whereas, held at Heathwood Hall on Saturday, November 2, 2019, the title meet demonstrated the Hawks’ continued dominance in cross country as they seized their second straight SCISA 2A championship and placed two runners, Garrett Sponenberg and Andrew Osborne, in the top 10; and

Whereas, because he recognized that in order to win the competition, his runners would need to exercise great self‑discipline, put in much hard practice, and focus their energy, Head Coach Kevin Sponenberg charged his young athletes to keep their eyes steadily on the prize. His fine coaching and encouragement yielded the rich reward of yet another championship for the team, as well as strengthening of character through habits formed and reinforced during the season; and

Whereas, to add further sweetness to the victory, Garrett Sponenberg repeated as boys cross country Player of the Year. He ended his high school career as one of Greenwood Christian’s top athletes in any sport; and

Whereas, grateful for their excellence, the House takes great pleasure in recognizing the Greenwood Christian School boys cross country team, and the members look with interest to learning of their future accomplishments. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Greenwood Christian School boys cross country team on capturing the 2019 South Carolina Independent School Association Class 2A State Championship title and congratulate the team’s coaches, staff, and runners on a superlative season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Dr. Chris Johns and Head Coach Kevin Sponenberg of Greenwood Christian School.

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