**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM’S COACHES, STAFF, AND RUNNERS ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

Whereas, refusing to settle for less than their best, the members of the Ben Lippen School boys cross country team made ready for a successful defense of their 2018 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) 3A crown. Their success was evident: The Falcons beat nearest competitor Heathwood Hall 33 to 54 and packed up hardware only champions get to take home. They also posted a 16:42 team average; and

Whereas, held at Heathwood Hall on Saturday, November 2, 2019, the title meet clearly demonstrated the Falcons’ continued dominance in cross country as they seized their third straight SCISA 3A championship and placed five runners in the top 10; and

Whereas, Head Coach Eric Hamner was quick to give praise to his runners, saying they trusted and believed in one another and in the Lord. He also said they trusted him as a new coach with high expectations and a new race strategy and that they executed it very well; and

Whereas, in a field that demands discipline, practice, and focused energy, Coach Hamner capitalized on his own athletic skills to mold a championship team and teach these young runners lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life both on and off the course; and

Whereas, grateful for their excellence, the House takes great pleasure in recognizing the Ben Lippen School boys cross country team, and the members look with interest to hearing 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 Ben Lippen School boys cross country team on capturing the 2019 South Carolina Independent School Association Class 3A 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 High School Principal Max Russell and Head Coach Eric Hamner of Ben Lippen School.

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