**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DIXIE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that the members of the Dixie High School boys cross country team of Abbeville County captured the top honor at the state competition on Tuesday, November 19, 2019; and

Whereas, cross country is a physically demanding sport that requires endurance, discipline, and perseverance, as well as physical and mental fortitude in order to rise to the highest levels. Head Coach Brian Gamble and his skilled coaching staff were able to inspire and drive the athletes of the Dixie High School boys cross country team to reach for and achieve these ideals in order to overcome the competition; and

Whereas, the Dixie boys cross country team last won the state championship in 2016. After a second place finish in 2017 and an eighth place finish in 2018, the Hornets were finally able to reclaim their place atop the podium and secure the Class A State Championship. Finishing with thirty‑one points, the team can celebrate their success and be proud of the effort and dedication required to achieve their result; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the pride and recognition the boys of the Dixie High School cross country team have brought to their school and community and look forward to hearing of their continued accomplishments 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 the Dixie High School boys cross country team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the South Carolina Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to interim Principal Barry Jacks and Head Coach Brian Gamble.

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