**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE MEMBERS OF THE HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM ON A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES ON WINNING THE 2020 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, with the goal of another well‑earned championship firmly in mind, the Hillcrest High School wrestling team pinned down the 2020 Class AAAAA State Championship title on Saturday, February 15, 2020, defeating White Knoll 51‑12 at Columbia’s Dreher High School; and

Whereas, with this win, the Rams made it two state titles in a row and added a new championship banner to their collection; and

Whereas, calm, focused, and ready to go from the first match, the Hillcrest grapplers went out and wrestled loose, enjoying themselves from the first whistle to the end. They had learned in their wrestling room about committing yourself to something bigger than you are, about being a selfless leader and putting your teammates in front, and it paid off; and

Whereas, it was a pin by Walker Stephenson at 182 pounds that put Hillcrest up 36‑6 and put the title out of reach for White Knoll. Walker Stephenson was a freshman when his brother, Griffin, was a senior. The brothers began having wrestlers over to their house to conduct workouts. Now, Stephenson is a two‑time state champion and will be heading to Army‑West Point to wrestle in college; and

Whereas, with the able assistance of a phenomenal coaching staff, Hillcrest’s Coach Robby Bell led his athletes to the top of the mountain at the championship competition and found the view worth the climb; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to salute the young athletes of the Hillcrest High School wrestling team and have confidence that the Rams will continue to excel in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the members of the Hillcrest High School wrestling team on a stellar season and congratulate the team members and coaches on winning the 2020 Class AAAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Bryan Skipper and Coach Robby Bell of Hillcrest High School.

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