**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY CO‑ED BOWLING TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO APPLAUD THE TEAM ON ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON.

Whereas, armed with confidence backed by many hours of focused, dedicated practice, the Laurence Manning Academy (LMA) co‑ed bowling team racked up its first state crown, the 2020 South Carolina Independent School Association State Championship title; and

Whereas, on Monday, February 3, 2020, at Sumter’s Gamecock Lanes, the Swampcats outplayed all comers, crushing nearest co‑ed team competitor Cardinal Newman 415‑379. To make a sweet win even sweeter, LMA nailed the boys team state title, as well; and

Whereas, even before Monday’s state championship, LMA had firmly established itself as the top bowling program in the State. This year, twenty‑eight students tried out for the three LMA bowling teams (boys, girls, and co‑ed), for which there were only fifteen total starting spots; and

Whereas, members of the Laurence Manning championship co‑ed bowling team are Jayden McMacken, Austin Riles, Daniel Geddings, Beau Carraway, and Sydnie Vohs; and

Whereas, this young team consisted of one sixth‑grader, two seventh‑graders, one tenth‑grader, and one eleventh‑grader, who together bested a total of nine teams consisting of mostly eleventh‑ and twelfth‑graders; and

Whereas, using their own skills and experience, LMA’s Head Coach Jay Atkins and Assistant Coach Kim Alsbrooks built their athletes into a championship force to be reckoned with, as their opponents ruefully discovered; and

Whereas, with admiration, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in adding its collective voice of praise to the many accolades flowing in to the Laurence Manning Academy co‑ed bowling team. Go, Swampcats! Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the members of the Laurence Manning Academy co‑ed bowling team on capturing the 2020 South Carolina Independent School Association State Championship title and applaud the team on its outstanding season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Tripp Boykin and Head Coach Jay Atkins of Laurence Manning Academy.

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