**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO APPLAUD THE LADY’S ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR WINNING THE 2020 VEX ROBOTICS SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM ON ADVANCING TO THE VEX ROBOTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

Whereas, on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at The Citadel in Charleston, the Lady’s Island Middle School robotics team of the Beaufort County School District captured the 2020 VEX Robotics South Carolina State Championship, thereby earning a berth at the world championship games in Louisville, Kentucky, slated for April 22‑25, 2020; and

Whereas, VEX is a robotics program that challenges students to build and program a robot for competitions against other teams in matches. Each year features a different game, this year’s being Tower Takeover, a competition in which teams are required to stack different‑colored cubes in goal zones for points; and

Whereas, composed of eighth graders Nathan Tran, Zach Glover, and Sawyer Lashley, all trained by Head Coach Cory C. Cooper and encouraged by parent representative Emily Tran, the 2020 Lady’s Island Middle School robotics team was named overall Tournament Champion, as well as Robot Skills Challenge Champion, at this year’s state contest; and

Whereas, the team’s robot is a long tray design that can intake and stack ten cubes, and it operates with an arm to score the cubes in towers. Lady’s Island bested forty‑one other teams and showed off its members’ driving skills as they outscored the competition on the road to the state title; and

Whereas, working under the name #6318B‑‑Hyper Resolution, the Lady’s Island team has competed for two years and will represent South Carolina at the upcoming world championship with a total of twelve tournaments already under its collective belt. Over the past two years, Hyper Resolution has won twelve awards (seven of which are from the present year), namely, three Excellence Awards (given to the best overall team), five Tournament Champion awards, two Skills Champion awards (presented to the team with the highest score in the Skills Challenge), one Design Award (granted to the team with the best engineering notebook), and one tournament finalist placement at last year’s state championship; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives values the significant accomplishments of the Lady’s Island Middle School robotics team, as well as the pride and recognition the team has brought to Beaufort County. With much admiration, the members wish the team great success at the VEX Robotics World Championship games in Louisville, Kentucky. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, applaud the Lady’s Island Middle School robotics team of the Beaufort County School District for winning the 2020 VEX Robotics South Carolina State Championship and congratulate the team on advancing to the VEX Robotics World Championship games in Louisville, Kentucky.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Gregory Hall and Coach Cory Cooper of Lady’s Island Middle School.

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