**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to recognize the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics boys cross country team for winning the 2017 Class A State Championship on Saturday, November 4, 2017; and

Whereas, this historic win marks the Governor’s School’s first state championship for a team in any sport; and

Whereas, in the state championship meet, the Governor’s School cross country team competed against strong runners representing twelve other Class A schools from across South Carolina; and

Whereas, with an exceptional season overall, the team has proven its endurance, speed, and mental focus. These young men demonstrate the hard work, courage, and determination that is embodied in the spirit of their school; and

Whereas, five of the team’s runners were named All‑Region for the season, and four achieved All‑State recognition. At the state championship meet, in addition to the overall win, Brendan McManamon placed first as an individual with a time of 16:13; and

Whereas, the boys cross country team includes outstanding runners Michael Bertram, Kollin Campbell, Austin Geer, Noah Klimkowski, Brendan McManamon, Landon Nelson, and Richard Sandvoss; and

Whereas, as student athletes, the runners understand that the joy of learning does not stop in the classroom, and the lessons they have learned through athletics will last them a lifetime; and

Whereas, Coach Mike Rhodes forged a championship team by successfully imparting his own athletic skills and time‑tested lessons from his many years of coaching; and

Whereas, the Governor’s School boys cross country team continued the pursuit of excellence by out-performing all other teams in their class again in the state finals on November 3, 2018; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics boys cross country team has brought to its school and community and look forward to a future filled with further accomplishments by the team and its talented athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics boys cross country team, coaches, and school officials on an outstanding season and honor them for winning the 2017 Class A State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to President Hector Flores and Coach Mike Rhodes of the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics.

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