**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR COACHES ON WINNING THE 2020 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the Eastside High School boys cross country team experienced a banner year, much to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their rivals. In ultimate testimony to their 2020 achievements, on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at Sandhill Research and Education Center in Columbia, the Eastside boys cross country runners seized the Class AAAA State Championship title; and

Whereas, finishing with 72 points, the Eagles beat nearest competitor Travelers Rest (90 points) and packed up hardware only champions get to take home; and

Whereas, in a tight race, the Eagles’ Spain Vaughan was the runner‑up in the individual standings. Walker Reed was fifth for the Eagles, joining Vaughan on the All‑State team. London Plourde finished 20th, Jackson Wyatt was 28th, and Jack Barrett was 42nd, to round out the points for Eastside; and

Whereas, Eastside’s Coach Rob Henderson acknowledged the Eagles’ depth as one strong factor in their victory, but he also rendered well‑deserved praise to his athletes for another strength that ultimately secured the team’s first state title since 1987: “I give way more credit to the boys than any of us coaches,” he said. “This summer we didn’t meet together. They had to do their own thing. They committed to the fact that we might have a season. There were times we didn’t know. We’re just blessed to have been able to have a season and blessed to win a championship”; and

Whereas, grateful for their excellence, the House takes much pleasure in recognizing the Eastside High School boys cross country team, and the members look with interest to learning of their future accomplishments. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the Eastside High School boys cross country team for a successful season and congratulate the team members and their coaches on winning the 2020 Class AAAA State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Tina Bishop and Coach Rob Henderson of Eastside High School.

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