**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE SOCASTEE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2020 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE PLAYERS AND COACHES ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

Whereas, on Saturday, October 31, 2020, in Florence, the young players of Socastee High’s girls tennis team showed the mettle that enabled the Lady Braves to clinch their school’s first girls state tennis title, as well as the school’s first state championship in any girls sport; and

Whereas, Socastee soundly defeated Mauldin 5‑1 in the battle for the state’s top prize in Class AAAAA girls tennis. It was a sweet ride for Socastee, having come close several times in recent seasons without being able to capture the title; and

Whereas, with mostly freshman and sophomores on board, the Lady Braves clinched the championship when they went ahead 4‑0. Ultimately, they won all five singles matches and dropped only the doubles match. All seven starters will return next season, a state of affairs that bodes well for the team’s 2021 chances as repeat champions; and

Whereas, the members of the 2020 state champion Socastee High girls tennis team are: Brooke Rogers (10th), Elena Hartley (9th), Cassidy Cocca (9th), Wae Man Chan (10th), Laurel Case (9th), Ryleigh-Caroline Williams (10th), Kristen Peters (11th), Delanie Williams (8th), Jay Wrightsman (12th), Andrea Everett (11th), Brenna Ludlam (11th), Kensley Atkins (12th), Gwen Madiot (10th), Casey Gwyer (10th), Olivia Robert (10th), Emma Dugan (10th), and Samantha Whyland (7th); and

Whereas, Coach Jason Williams and Assistant Coach Michelle Money, rightly proud of their team, have instilled a standard of excellence in their athletes that will serve them well throughout their lives, both on and off the court; and

Whereas, to add glitter to an already lustrous victory, Brooke Rogers was tapped for All‑State and All-Region, while Elena Hartley and Cassidy Cocca were named to All‑Region; and

Whereas, appreciative of the well‑deserved recognition these athletes have brought to their school and community, the House of Representatives congratulates the Lady Braves, and the members look with interest toward hearing of their future exploits as tennis champions. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Socastee High School girls tennis team for winning the 2020 Class AAAAA State Championship title and honor the players and coaches on a fabulous season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jeremy Rich and Head Coach Jason Williams of Socastee High School.

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