**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2021 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Powdersville High volleyball team in Greenville captured the state title at the Class AAA tournament held in Columbia; and

Whereas, to the delight of their faithful fans, the Powdersville Lady Patriots claimed their third consecutive state title by defeating a fine, competitive Oceanside Collegiate 3‑0 in 25‑17, 25‑13, and 27‑25 games; and

Whereas, in the first game, Powdersville opened with an 8‑2 run that expanded to 20‑8 with the assistance of blocks sandwiched between aces and kills and closed the set 25‑17, even though Oceanside made a strong run late in the first set; and

Whereas, the Lady Patriots fairly trounced Oceanside’s Lady Landsharks in the second set with a 25‑13 win led by several key plays from seniors Olivia Knutson and Grace O’Neill; and

Whereas, in the final set, Powdersville led 14‑8, but Oceanside took a 19‑18 lead in one final run. When Powdersville clawed back a 21‑19 lead, Oceanside fought back to gain a 24‑22 lead, which threatened a possible fourth set. Powdersville rallied to tie the score at 24 and pulled ahead 26‑25 for the match point. After chasing the ball down, Grace O’Neill made a diving dig to keep the ball alive so Powdersville could secure the final score of 27‑25; and

Whereas, four seniors, now three‑time state champions, helped to build the powerhouse program for the Lady Patriots: Olivia Knutson, Grace O’Neill, Ella Carroll, and Madison Lance; and

Whereas, in a sport that constantly demands precision, measured strength, and vigilance, Head Coach Brooke Passini and her skilled coaching staff maximized their own experience and passion to hone a triple championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that the Powdersville volleyball players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their future success in the days ahead. 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 Powdersville High School volleyball team, coaches, and school officials for an extraordinary season and congratulate them for winning the 2021 South Carolina Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Chris Ferguson, principal, and to Coach Brooke Passini.

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