**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM ON ITS SCINTILLATING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM’S ATHLETES AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2021 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, on Saturday, May 8, 2021, Head Coach Will Eudy watched his Cardinal Newman soccer players climb to the top of the mountain at the 2021 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class 3A State Championship game. Both coach and players found the view exhilarating. The Cardinals, competing at their own St. Sebastian Stadium, shut out Porter‑Gaud 3‑0, with members of past teams looking on from behind the bench and cheering on the Cards; and

Whereas, the championship was Cardinal Newman’s third since 2016 and eleventh overall. Of Cardinal Newman’s eleven championships, seven have come since Coach Will Eudy arrived in 2006. It took five years to win the first title, but now the program has established itself as the premier boys program in SCISA; and

Whereas, more than thirty former players turned out to Saturday’s championship, including members of Coach Eudy’s first title team in 2011 and those from the 2020 squad, which had its season cut short because of COVID‑19. He had those 2020 team members in attendance to participate in the postgame trophy ceremony with this year’s senior group. After receiving the trophy and championship medals, Coach Eudy gathered this year’s team and all former alumni in a circle and stressed the importance of their role in helping build the program; and

Whereas, the Cardinals had a dominant run in the postseason in winning the title, outscoring its three opponents 14‑0; and

Whereas, at the title game, Cardinal Newman started out fast on Owen Trimmier’s goal in the sixth minute. It stayed 1‑0 at halftime despite the Cardinals’ controlling of the action. Cardinal Newman outshot the Cyclones 11‑0 in the first half; and

Whereas, in the second half, Cardinal Newman scored twice in a four‑minute span to put the match away. Noah Cunningham headed one home in the 62nd minute, and Matthew Harrison added a goal in the 66th minute; and

Whereas, the journey to winning the state title required discipline, dedication, and teamwork, qualities that always will serve these young men well both on and off the soccer field. With admiration, the House recognizes and applauds the outstanding work of the Cardinal Newman School boys soccer team and wishes its members much continued success in all their future endeavors. 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 Cardinal Newman School boys soccer team on its scintillating season and congratulate the team’s athletes and coaches on their impressive win of the 2021 South Carolina Independent School Association Class 3A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Robert A. Loia and Head Coach Will Eudy of Cardinal Newman School.

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