**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, with its usual precision and grace, the Lexington High School competitive cheer team proved its tenacity and earned gold at the state competition, held at the Florence Civic Center on Saturday, December 19, 2020; and

Whereas, it was Lexington’s first title win since 2015. In capturing the 2020 crown, the Lady Wildcats edged out fifteen‑time state champion Chapin High, denying it a seventh consecutive state title; and

Whereas, the third time was truly the charm for Lexington competitive cheer Head Coach Leigh Watson. She had led the Lady Wildcats to consecutive Top 3 finishes at the South Carolina High School League finals. Each time, they witnessed perennial state champ Chapin emerge with the first‑place trophy. This year, the 340‑337 Lexington triumph allowed Coach Watson to take home the Class 5A title trophy at last and enabled her team to claim the school’s third state title since 2013 and its sixth overall; and

Whereas, a season like no other where the whole sport was fighting a pandemic, the Lady Wildcats treated every day as a miracle and made that the theme of the season. As Coach Watson explained, “Every day that we got to compete and every day we got to practice was a miracle. So [winning the state title] was just another miracle. We’re really, really thankful and blessed”; and

Whereas, proud of the fine achievements of these young athletes, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in applauding the Lexington competitive cheer team and wish its members much continued 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, celebrate the Lexington High School competitive cheer team, coaches, and school officials for a superb season and congratulate them on capturing the Class AAAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Ryan T. Pool and Head Coach Leigh Watson of Lexington High School.

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