**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A TRULY REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Pelion Elementary School archery team of Lexington County won the world trophy from the competition held during August 2022 in Seven Springs, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, to the delight of their exuberant fans, the Pelion Elementary archers targeted every challenge presented to them in the weekend of competition and hit the bullseye to defeat a competitive field of contestants from around the world; and

Whereas, the team, which normally practices on level ground indoors, faced challenges of the competition’s layout which was uphill and outdoors; and

Whereas, in addition, some of the rounds took four to five minutes because archers had to wait for the wind to subside in the ski-lodge altitude of three thousand five hundred feet; and

Whereas, not only did the team take home the gold in the face of these obstacles, but three girls on the team also won first, second, and fifth best elementary archers in the world; and

Whereas, with combined scores from the qualifier, national, and world championships, Pelion Elementary handily won best overall team for the 2022 season; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires patient accuracy and long practice, Head Coach Colby Coulter and the skilled coaching staff maximized their own experience and passion to hone a championship-caliber team and teach these archers life principles that will prove invaluable as they aim at targets throughout their lives; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the pride and recognition that the Pelion sharp shooters have brought to their school, their community, and our State, and the members look forward to following their tremendous accomplishments 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 Pelion Elementary School archery team, coaches, and school officials for a truly remarkable season and congratulate them for winning the 2022 world championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Debbie Poole and Coach Colby Coulter.

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