**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CRESCENT HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2021 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Crescent High School wrestling team took top honors at the state competition held at Dreher High School in Columbia on Saturday, February 20, 2021; and

Whereas, fans of Crescent High School were treated to a brilliant display of athletic prowess as the Tigers prevailed over the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt Red Raiders in the championship by a final score of 37‑32, securing the state title after a phenomenal year of competing on the mat; and

Whereas, the Crescent High wrestlers began realizing their post‑season goals of winning the state championship by crushing Christ Church 72‑12 for the region title, the first in five years; and

Whereas, the Tigers next set their sights on the Upper State title, which they secured after a 48‑24 takedown of Ninety Six, earning a spot in the championship; and

Whereas, the Crescent High wrestlers controlled their own fate and set themselves up for success. Despite the extraordinary circumstances facing all of these young competitors this season, the Tigers managed to put forth team efforts all season long to outlast and outmaneuver their opponents, and were rewarded justly for their efforts; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires a powerful work ethic and the diligence to chase perfection, new Head Coach Austin Powell has stepped in with great confidence to build on the tradition of excellence that Crescent High School maintains. Together with his skilled coaching staff, he prepared the Tigers for the rigorous demands required of a championship‑caliber team, while simultaneously laying the groundwork for future program success; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate value the pride and recognition that the Crescent Tigers have earned for their school and their community and look forward to hearing of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Crescent High School wrestling team, coaches, and school officials for a remarkable season and congratulate them for winning the 2021 South Carolina Class AA State Championship Title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Crescent High School Principal Cliff Roberts and Head Coach Austin Powell.

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