**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE TO ALLOW PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO ATTEND INDIVIDUAL MATCHES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE’S WRESTLING FINALS TO BE HELD ON MARCH 5 AND 6, 2021.

Whereas, the South Carolina High School League was established in 1907 to promote, support, and enrich the educational experiences of students engaged in interscholastic sports; and

Whereas, interscholastic sports offer an essential outlet for students to develop athletic skills, social networks, and leadership skills outside of the home; and

Whereas, the emotional and financial support of parents or guardians at sporting events is a critical contribution to students’ mental health and development; and

Whereas, the South Carolina High School League is currently not permitting spectators to attend any South Carolina High School League events, despite the Governor’s removal of certain COVID-19 restrictions; and

Whereas, the lifting of capacity restrictions on restaurants demonstrates that it is similarly appropriate to lift restrictions on allowing a parent or guardian to attend a sporting event for a child; and

Whereas, the South Carolina High School League is holding a wrestling tournament on March 5 and 6, 2021. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, strongly encourage the South Carolina High School League to allow parents or guardians to attend individual matches for the South Carolina High School League’s wrestling finals to be held on March 5 and 6, 2021.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the South Carolina High School League.

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