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A house RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL CHESS TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the chess team of Lexington’s River Bluff High School captured the crown at the state tournament, held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on March 22, 2025; and

Whereas, on the day of the state chess tournament, one hundred ninety players, representing over ninety schools from across the State, assembled for a battle of the finest young chess masters in South Carolina. River Bluff High was represented by the well-prepared team of Tyler Murrah, Daniel Lim, Dheer Chheda, Rushaan Sotimagar, Bryan Zheng, Alex Ziegler, Logan Santos, Ravi Narendhiran, and Sanjhay Kodeeswaran, with Matthew Sawicz serving as faculty advisor and senior Dheer Chheda and freshman Tyler Murrah serving as co-presidents; and

Whereas, after all the competitors had completed their labors, River Bluff had finished a clear two points ahead of the second-place Governor’s School for Science and Math (GSSM). It was the first time since 2003 that the high school state championship was not won by either GSSM or Daniel High School; and

Whereas, in addition to River Bluff’s upsetting of some chess dynasties, Tyler Murrah had the special distinction of finishing in fourth place individual, a feat that will advance him to the final competition on April 5, 2025, where he will compete to qualify for nationals and the title of individual state champion; and

Whereas, moreover, this is the first time any school from the Midlands of South Carolina has won the state championship, and the members of the Columbia Chess Club are particularly proud of what their efforts have done to raise the reputation of chess in the area; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the pride and recognition the River Bluff High chess players have brought to their school and community, and the members look forward to following their continued achievements 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 members of the River Bluff High School chess team and congratulate them on winning the 2025 South Carolina State Chess Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Matthew Sawicz, sponsor, and Principal Jacob Smith of River Bluff High School.

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