**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is proud to recognize the Palmetto High School girls cross country team for winning top honors at the state competition on November 5, 2016, at Sandhills Research Center in Columbia; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their enthusiastic admirers, the Lady Mustangs secured the title for Class AAA, defeating Bluffton 41‑45; and

Whereas, a rigorous season pushed the ladies to perform at their best as they were led by Coach Micah Roberts. The year really took off after the Eye‑Opener meet in Spartanburg in early September 2016. The year prior, the Lady Mustangs came in third at this meet against forty-to-fifty other teams, but this year they came out on top, giving the runners confidence that propelled them through the remainder of the season; and

Whereas, to add sweetness to an already sweet victory, Coach Roberts earned the South Carolina State AAA Coach of the Year award in ladies cross country for his outstanding leadership; and

Whereas, members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the recognition and respect these fine athletes have brought to their school and community and anticipate hearing of their additional accomplishments in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Palmetto High School girls cross country team, coaches, and school officials for a stellar season and honor them for winning the 2016 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Robert A. Roach and Coach Micah Roberts of Palmetto High School.

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