**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ST. JAMES HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY GOLF TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the St. James High School girls varsity golf team of Horry County took top honors at the state competition held at The Hackler Course on the Coastal Carolina Campus in Conway on Monday and Tuesday, October 24 and 25, 2016; and

Whereas, to the excitement of their fans, the St. James Sharks defeated second place Greenville by an impressive thirty‑eight strokes to take home their second state trophy in two years; and

Whereas, this was their first state victory since moving up to Class AAAA, and the Sharks were ecstatic to be able to bring home a companion trophy; and

Whereas, the girls from St. James also clinched the lower state title earlier in the year, making it their second consecutive win in that arena as well; and

Whereas, St. James sophomore Smith Knaffle was the only golfer on the field during the contest to break par for each round of the two day tournament. She shot a 3‑under par 69 on Monday and followed with a closing round of 69, which included an eagle on hole sixteen, to win by ten shots over her closest rival. Additionally, Smith won the Class AAAA Individual Medalist award; and

Whereas, seventh grader Adrian Anderson made All‑State by shooting 79, while junior Jordan White carded an 82. Eighth grader Amanda Meno finished her final eighteen holes with an 86, and sophomore Katie Smith ended with an 89. With no seniors on the team, Head Coach Denise Noll and her skilled coaching staff are eager to see what the future holds for this group of young ladies; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the esteem and recognition that the St. James golfers have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued 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 St. James High School girls varsity golf team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2016 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Vann Pennell and Head Coach Denise Noll.

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