**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S TENNIS TEAM ON WINNING THE MID‑EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO WISH THESE ATHLETES WELL AS THEY PREPARE TO PLAY IN THE NCAA DIVISION I TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Whereas, on Saturday, April 22, 2017, South Carolina State, the top seed out of the Southern Division, won its second straight Mid‑Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Women’s Tennis Championship with a 4‑3 win over Hampton University in the championship match, held at the Folkes‑Stevens Tennis Center on the campus of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia; and

Whereas, the Lady Bulldogs, clearly the team to beat, have won twelve of the last thirteen titles; and

Whereas, making a sweet victory even sweeter, Marketa Marcanikova was selected to receive the tournament’s Outstanding Performer award, while Head Coach Hardeep Judge was named as recipient of the Outstanding Coach award. In addition, All‑Tournament Team honors went to Oleksandra Filippova and Smaranda Petreanu (doubles), Andjela Vasic (singles), Marketa Marcanikova (singles), Claudia Roca (singles), and Smaranda Petreanu (singles); and

Whereas, this victory earned the Lady Bulldogs the MEAC’s automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Women’s Tennis Championships, for which these South Carolina State players will travel to Athens, Georgia, to take on the University of Georgia in the opening round, slated for Saturday, May 13, 2017; and

Whereas, South Carolina State will make its second straight NCAA Tournament appearance and twelfth overall under the leadership of Head Coach Hardeep Judge; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the House salute these talented young athletes from South Carolina State University, and the members look with interest to hear of their future achievements. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the South Carolina State University women’s tennis team on winning the Mid‑Eastern Athletic Conference Championship title and wish these athletes well as they prepare to play in the NCAA Tennis Championships.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to President James Clark and Head Coach Hardeep Judge of South Carolina State University.

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