**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS TEAM, THE COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2011 CLASS AA/A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Christ Church Episcopal School boys tennis team of Greenville County took top honors yet again at the state competition on Saturday, May 14, 2011; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their opponents, the Christ Church Cavaliers boys tennis team defeated the Waccamaw High School Warriors 4‑3 to take the team’s twenty‑third state title since 1976, which are more state championships by one team than in any other sport and in any other size classification in the State; and

Whereas, the Cavaliers finished the 2011 season undefeated in the State and placed fifteenth at the National High School All‑American Invitational Tournament at Newport Beach, California; and

Whereas, following the leadership of senior Captains Alex Boota, Philip Canale, Chris Lawdahl, and Claibourne Hughes, the members of the 2011 Cavalier boys tennis team include Thomas Johnson, Jeb Helmers, Jim Yarbrough, Hayes Sherman, Jim Pennell, Clay O’Brien, and Bridge Boukedes; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands individual strength, agility, and skill as well as team play and good sportsmanship, Head Coach Bobby Austell and Assistant Coach Sally Pielou used their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team; and

Whereas, with great pleasure the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives recognize these history‑making young men and their coaches and hope that they will further enhance their abilities not only in their tennis pursuits but in developing the life skills they have learned through athletic excellence. 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 Christ Church Episcopal School boys tennis team, the coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season, and congratulate them for capturing the 2011 Class AA/A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Leonard Kupersmith, headmaster of the Christ Church Episcopal School, and Coach Bobby Austell.

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