**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ROCK HILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS 5A GIRLS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Rock Hill High School girls tennis team of York County took top honors at the state competition on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at the Cayce Tennis Center; and

Whereas, the Rock Hill Bearcats defeated the Dutch Fork Silver Foxes 4‑2 to win the first Class 5A Girls Tennis State Championship in school history. This win capped off a 19‑0 record for the season; and

Whereas, Rock Hill got started when Lillian Vyas claimed a straight‑sets win over Jenna Bradfute in the number five singles match. The Bearcats increased their lead to 2‑0 as co‑captain Anna Sharp toppled her opponent 10‑3 in the tie breaker. Co‑captain Shakendra Alston elevated that score further to 3‑0, also winning in straight sets. Dutch Fork then cut the deficit to 3‑1 in the doubles match, but Rock Hill wrapped up the title in the number four singles spot, as eighth‑grader DeAlva Alston edged Megan Barkley 10‑7 in the tie breaker to secure the Bearcats a 4‑1 lead. Dutch Fork’s additional win in the number one singles match was inconsequential as the Bearcats had already clinched the trophy; and

Whereas, Head Coach Scott Neeley praised every one of his players for the effort they gave all season, but especially in the playoffs. “This was another great team win,” Coach Neeley said. “I am truly blessed to be a part of this. Our team is composed of tremendous players, and they never quit”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that the girls tennis team has brought to its school and 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 Rock Hill High School girls tennis team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2016 South Carolina Class 5A Girls Tennis State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Ozzie Ahl and Coach Scott Neeley.

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