**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LUKE HOWLE FOR A REMARKABLE WRESTLING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR WINNING THE 2022 CAROLINA INVITATIONAL JV/MS TOURNAMENT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Luke Howle, a member of the Greenwood High School wrestling team, took home the state title from the Carolina Invitational JV/MS Tournament held at Eastside High School in Taylors on Saturday, January 29, 2022; and

Whereas, to the delight of his hometown fans, Luke defeated a fine field of competitors in the 96‑pound weight class; and

Whereas, he won his first three matches in the tournament with two pins and a decision, and in his final match, he grappled through three demanding periods to emerge as a champion with a 6‑0 victory over his competitor; and

Whereas, a seventh grader, Luke finished his season with an impressive undefeated record of 28‑0; and

Whereas, the Carolina Invitational Wrestling Tournament, sponsored and run by the South Carolina Wrestling Coaches Association (SCWCA), is the last tournament of the season for the qualified South Carolina junior varsity and middle school wrestlers. This prestigious tournament awards the top four places in fourteen junior varsity weight classes and fourteen middle school weight classes; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands individual excellence, strength, and strategy, the skilled coaches capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to hone a championship‑caliber wrestler and impart lessons to him that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the mats; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that Luke Howle has brought to his school and his community and look to hear of his 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 Luke Howle for a remarkable wrestling season and congratulate him for winning the 2022 Carolina Invitational JV/MS Tournament State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Luke Howle.

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