**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A TRULY DEDICATED SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2022 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Clinton High School Science Olympiad team captured the state title and earned the right to compete virtually for nationals during the weekend of May 13‑15, 2022, at the Cal Tech host site for the 2022 Science Olympiad; and

Whereas, in the all‑day, twenty‑three‑event state competition involving all areas of science, engineering, technology, and math, Clinton High faced off against ten of the most formidable schools in the Palmetto State, both in size and academic excellence, to take home the 2022 state trophy once again; and

Whereas, since the school’s participation in the Science Olympiad in 1986, Clinton has garnered eleven state titles; and

Whereas, even though events change annually, Clinton prepared for all twenty‑three events in the competition and took the top honors in seven of them for gold medals, two silver medals for second place, and six bronze medals at third place, as well as four fourth‑place finishes; and

Whereas, every year the Science Olympiad teams from Clinton have competed and placed in such categories as some of this year’s: chemistry, epidemiology, earth science, experimental design, forensics, rocks and minerals, anatomy and physiology, cell biology, and environmental chemistry; and

Whereas, the Clinton team members are Joey Ardelt, Grin Darden, Jules Darden, Keegan Fortman, Julieta Garcia, Bella Gardner, Becca King, Anna Litzenberger, Shane Nelson, Helen Sarah, Rachel Vondergeest, Gracie Wiggins, and Maddox Wilbanks; and

Whereas, in a field that combines team competition with a commitment to excellence, a recognition that success takes sacrifice and dedication, and intentionally building a family of learners, Head Coach Terri O’Shields and her devoted coaching staff have maximized their own scientific knowledge and training to hone a championship‑caliber team and teach these students life principals that will endure beyond their days of competition; and

Whereas, the Clinton volunteer team coaches included Lawrence Coleman, Kevin Cox, Jimmy Jacobs, Allison Lanford, Jimbo Langston, Michael Mack, Ami Meadors, Patrick Nelson, Shane Nelson, Dr. David O’Shields, Maggie O’Shields, Mason Pysell, Katie Scarlett, Scott Shiflet, Dr. Jason Smith, Dianne Summer, Ami Vaughn, Rachel Vondergeest, Dr. Stan Walsh, and Brandon Wolfe; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that the Clinton Science Olympiads have brought to their school and their community and look to follow their continued scientific achievements in the years 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 Clinton High School Science Olympiad team, coaches, and school officials for a truly dedicated season and congratulate them for winning the 2022 South Carolina Science Olympiad State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Martha Brothers and Coach Terri O’Shields.

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