**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CLINTON MIDDLE 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 Middle 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 Middle School faced off against some 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 twenty state titles, including all of the state titles from 2004 to 2020; and

Whereas, even though events change annually, Clinton prepared for all the events in the competition and took the top honors in seventeen of them for gold medals, as well as numerous silver and bronze medals; and

Whereas, every year the Science Olympiad teams from Clinton compete in all the various categories and place in them all; and

Whereas, the Clinton Middle School team members are Jackie Alcudia, Kaelyn Bell, Liam Bell, Rylee Bell, Lauren Ficklin, Sam Hunt, Salaam Jenkins, Jacob King, Matthew King, Shayne Kiselak, Hank Lanford, Kelly Nelson, Sidney Nelson, Junia Nolan, Arohi Patel, Ada Tiller, Ben Wiggins, and Marlee Williamson; 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 hear of their continued scientific accomplishments in the days to come. 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 Middle 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 Jeffrey Parks and Coach Terri O’Shields.

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