**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE BELTON‑HONEA PATH HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, with its usual precision and grace, the Belton‑Honea Path High School competitive cheer team proved its tenacity and earned gold at the Class AAA state competition, held at the Florence Center on Saturday, December 19, 2020; and

Whereas, the victory made it two in a row for Belton‑Honea Path, the title win last year being the first in school history for the Lady Bears. In capturing the 2020 crown, Belton‑Honea Path piled up 282 points and soared past nearest competitor Blue Ridge; and

Whereas, in a season like no other, during which the entire sport was fighting a pandemic, the Lady Bears did not allow difficulties to stop them from excelling and earning the top prize; and

Whereas, thanks to the first‑class leadership of Head Coach Stephanie Cooley‑Hughes, the talented athletes of the Belton‑Honea Path competitive cheer team once again showed out like the champions they are; and

Whereas, proud of the fine achievements of these young athletes, the members of the South Carolina Senate take great pleasure in applauding the Belton‑Honea Path competitive cheer team and in extending best wishes for much continued success in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, celebrate the Belton‑Honea Path High School competitive cheer team, coaches, and school officials for a superb season and congratulate them on capturing the Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Mary Boarts and Head Coach Stephanie Cooley‑Hughes of Belton‑Honea Path High School.

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