**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOL SPORTING CLAYS TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND COACHES FOR CAPTURING THE 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Orangeburg Preparatory School sporting clays team shot winning numbers to take the 2011 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) State Championship on May 7, 2011; and

Whereas, for three years Orangeburg Preparatory School boys and girls teams have participated in the SCISA sporting clays program, and this season they shot in six joint SCISA and Youth Foundation tournaments with some three hundred shooters at each event; and

Whereas, at the State SCISA Sporting Clays Tournament on May 7, 2011, fourteen SCISA schools participated with approximately one hundred fifty shooters; and

Whereas, the Lady Indians senior varsity team, which included Mary Katherine Bamberg, Ashley Davis, and Renn Guthrie, represented the girls’ team, winning both the SCISA State Championship and the Ladies Senior Division South Carolina Youth Foundation State Championship; and

Whereas, when the Orangeburg Indian boys team took second place in the South Carolina Youth Foundation, a shoot‑off was required to determine the state champions, so the Indian senior varsity boys team of Wilson Haddock, Adam Shuman, and Palmer Townsend represented Orangeburg; and

Whereas, the first shoot‑off ended in a tie, so Wilson Haddock took the field for the Indians, and with steely confidence he made eight of his ten shots to secure the boys SCISA State Championship; and

Whereas, adding to their honor, team members Ashley Davis, Mary Katherine Bamberg, and Wilson Haddock were named to the SCISA All State Team; and

Whereas, Mary Katherine Bamberg won the SCISA Ladies High Overall award, and she was named SCISA Female Shooter of the Year; and

Whereas, Chandler Gray, Mark Hinds, and Clay Lee added to the spectacular season finale by capturing the South Carolina Youth Foundation Junior Varsity First Year Championship, promising a bright future for the Indians’ sporting clays program in the years to come; and

Whereas, Coach Allen “Boo” Gray and his skilled coaching staff used their own marksmanship ability and training to forge a championship team through relentless practices and demanding drills, and Coach Gray was named SCISA Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires skill, accuracy, and perseverance, the Indians finished their third season with a stellar record and a state title, learning lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life to help them attain the mark for which they strive; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the pride and recognition that the members of the Orangeburg Preparatory School sporting clays team have brought to their school and to their community through this accomplishment and looks to hear of their success in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Orangeburg Preparatory School Sporting Clays team for an outstanding season, and congratulate the team and coaches for capturing the 2011 South Carolina Independent School Association State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Head of School Kelley Mims and Coach Allen “Boo” Gray.

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