**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TEAM ON WINNING THE 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, AND TO HONOR THIS PERENNIAL POWERHOUSE FOR A RECORD‑SETTING SEASON.

Whereas, on November 5, 2011, the Cardinal Newman School cheerleading team once again captured the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class AAA State Championship title, soaring their way past all competitors at Pinewood Prepatory School in Summerville; and

Whereas, exultant Cardinal Newman fans watched the Lady Cards collect their seventh consecutive state title, a feat that cemented their place among the great teams in South Carolina high school sports history. The win also raised considerable speculation as to the probable necessity of building a new shelf to house the team’s overflowing awards; and

Whereas, demonstrating courage, drive, and pure heart and driven by the winning strength God granted them, the Lady Cardinals turned in a marvelous performance, keeping the excited crowd enthralled for the entire competition; and

Whereas, Coach Ellen Jennings trained her show‑stopping team, which includes twelve seniors, to both technical and artistic excellence all the way to the top; and

Whereas, going into the 2011 championship meet, team members had an inspirational heritage to energize their efforts: nine total state titles to their credit. When all was over, they had added a tenth to the list, and in taking home their seventh successive trophy, the Lady Cards made it the greatest number of total and consecutive cheer titles held by any South Carolina high school, public or private; and

Whereas, members of this record‑setting team are Kaylee Amick (captain), Alex August, Kate Austin, Shireen Babaee, Gina Bellini, Lisa Bellini, Ann Marie Cleary, Annabel Dannelly, Elizabeth Davis (captain), Meghan Gasser (captain), Elizabeth Hayden, Mary Evelyn Hayden, Leeann Leonhardt (captain), Caitlin Loeffler, Ashleigh McMaster, Ashley McMullen, Meghan Militello, Madison Pfeifer, Katie Pindar, Ieshia Rhames, Sara Scoggins, Taylor Seal (captain), London Southern, Slayden Thomas (captain), and Blakeley Yandle; and

Whereas, recognizing the commitment of these young athletes and the sacrifices they have made in order to reach their goals, the members of the General Assembly take great pleasure in commending and honoring them for another successful year of cheering and the crowning achievement of capturing the SCISA Class AAA State Championship title. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate the Cardinal Newman School cheerleading team on winning the 2011 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AAA State Championship title, and honor this perennial powerhouse for a record‑setting season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jacqualine Kasprowski and Coach Ellen Jennings of Cardinal Newman School.

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