**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DIXIE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that the members of the Dixie High School boys cross country team of Abbeville County took top honors at the state competition on November 5, 2016; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands endurance and discipline, Head Coach Brian Gamble and his skilled coaching staff used their own athletic ability and training to mold a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life; and

Whereas, Head Coach Gamble was able to capitalize on techniques and lessons learned from coaching other sports over the years. A physical education teacher, he has also coached football and is presently the school’s soccer coach; and

Whereas, only one year after reviving a cross country program that had remained dormant for about five years, the Hornets secured the Class A State Championship by a landslide, finishing with 28 points. This is a tremendous feat for a school that has not gained a state championship in a boys sport since the early 1970s. After finishing in eighth place in 2015, the Hornets have reaped the rewards of hard work and training in their 2016 victory; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the pride and recognition the boys of the Dixie High cross country team have brought to their school and community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Dixie High School boys cross country team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2016 South Carolina Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Lori Brownlee‑Brewton and Head Coach Brian Gamble.

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