**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HAMMOND SCHOOL HUNT SEAT EQUESTRIAN TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Hammond hunt seat equestrian team of Richland County garnered yet another state trophy from the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) competition held at Clear View Farm in Landrum on April 7, 2019; and

Whereas, to the delight of their faithful fans, the Hammond Skyhawks bested a fine, competitive field of comers to win the sixth state title with a score of 33 team points, surpassing their nearest competitor, Ashley Hall, which posted 26 points; and

Whereas, the Skyhawk riders included seniors team Captain Justice Myers, Kate Robinson, and Marielle McKissock, as well as underclassmen Annabelle Anderson, Peden Brabham, Rhett Brabham, Sarah Haselden, Sally Marzagao, and Lucy Mills Sammataro; and

Whereas, along with Hammond School and Ashley Hall, other competing teams included riders from Porter‑Gaud School, The Kings Academy, Thomas Hart Academy, Trinity‑Byrnes Collegiate, and Wilson Hall; and

Whereas, the Hammond hunt seat equestrian team has competed for more than a decade on both the national and state level, fielding both middle school and upper school teams which include sixth through twelfth graders; and

Whereas, competing as a year‑long sport, the Hammond hunt seat team has taken its sixth SCISA state title since the sport was recognized by SCISA in 2011; and

Whereas, in a sport requiring the meticulous control of a trained horse, Head Coach Taylor Oliver Myers and her skilled assistants, Sam Sammataro and William Haselden, utilized their own equestrian experience and passion to hone a championship‑caliber team and impart to these riders valuable life lessons, even when they are dismounted; and

Whereas, valuing the respect and honor that Hammond’s hunt seat riders have brought to their school and their community, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives expect to hear of the continued achievements of these outstanding riders 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 commend the Hammond School hunt seat equestrian team, coaches, and school officials for a remarkable season and congratulate them for capturing the 2019 South Carolina Independent School Association State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Chris Angel and Coach Taylor Oliver Myers.

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