**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SWIM TEAM ON WINNING THE 2020 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO CONGRATULATE THE SWIMMERS AND THEIR COACH ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

Whereas, having proved themselves unstoppable as defending champions, the Eastside High School girls swim team handily defeated nearest competitor Hilton Head 398‑258 and shot past all other comers at their state championship meet, held at the North Charleston Aquatic Center on October 10, 2020; and

Whereas, it was the fourth straight state title win for the Lady Aqua Eagles, and Coach Tiffany Watson, having honed her athletes into a formidable force of swimmers, saw the fruits of her labors as the title trophy was hoisted; and

Whereas, when the final lengths were complete, the Eastside relay swimmers had captured not one, but two state championships. The amazing relay team of Laila Harvey, Grace Fowler, Lauren Adams, and Ella Penny had won the 200 free, and the equally amazing team of Lauren Adams, Eva Kelly Tzouvelekas, Ella Penny, and Hayden Penny had made off with first place in the 400 free. In addition, freshman Hayden Penny had won the 200 IM and 500 free, making her a two‑time state champion; and

Whereas, other well‑earned podium appearances were Ella Penny in the 200 free and 100 free, Lauren Adams in the 50 free, and Caroline Parker in the 500 free; and

Whereas, to add further sweetness to these victories, the Lady Aqua Eagles broke three school records at the title meet: Hayden Penny broke the 200 IM record with a 2:04.28, the 200 free relay broke the record with a 1:39.94, and the 400 free relay absolutely shattered the record with a 3:31.98; and

Whereas, appreciative of the deservedly fine reputation of the Eastside High girls swim team, the House of Representatives is pleased to add a full meed of praise to the voices of the Lady Aqua Eagles’ many fans and to applaud these athletes on their high achievements. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the Eastside High School girls swim team on winning the 2020 Class AAAA State Championship and congratulate the swimmers and their coach on a superlative season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Tina Bishop and Coach Tiffany Watson of Eastside High School.

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