**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE MID CAROLINA YOUTH SHOOTING TEAM ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2022 GOVERNOR’S CUP.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Mid Carolina youth shooting team, representing the Mid Carolina Gun Club, took top honors at the 2022 Governor’s Cup, held on March 12; and

Whereas, to the delight of their faithful fans, the Mid Carolina Youth shooting team continued a consecutive‑win streak going back to 2018, making this year’s triumph a “4‑peat”; and

Whereas, the Governor’s Cup is awarded by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as part of its Scholastic Clay Target Sports Program. The cup is the top prize awarded to the team with the best cumulative score in the skeet and trap qualifiers and the sporting clays open. The top three scores from a team in each of the three disciplines determines the Governor’s Cup winner each year; and

Whereas, the Mid Carolina team again led the race from the beginning. For the skeet qualifier in December, Chance Barefoot and Wyatt Peay both posted a perfect score of 50, and Jefrey Stone and Turner Parcell each posted a score of 49, giving the team a 149 out of a possible 150 targets. It was the highest combined team score for skeet ever for the Governor’s Cup, surpassing the team’s 147 in 2018 and the 146 from 2021; and

Whereas, three different athletes posted the top scores in the 50 target trap event in January, with Carter Hinson, Braxton Marr, and Michael McElderry posting 49, 48, and 46, respectively, for a team total of 143; and

Whereas, the combined score of 292 gave the team a 22 target lead going into the sporting clays event, its largest lead ever going into the final event. Parcell, Hinson, and Stone posted scores of 95, 89, and 88 in the 100‑target sporting clays event, to add seven more targets to the lead and bring home the cup; and

Whereas, in addition to winning the cup, the team won several squad awards and scholarships in excess of thirteen thousand dollars; and

Whereas, the Mid Carolina team is a 4‑H and Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) team and will continue competing through the summer, including in the Junior U.S. Open and the SCTP National Championships in Marengo, Ohio, where they hope to achieve their fifteenth national championship; and

Whereas, the House values the pride and recognition the Mid Carolina youth shooting team has brought to its community, and the members look to hear of the team’s continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Mid Carolina youth shooting team on an outstanding season and honor them for winning the 2022 Governor’s Cup.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Mid Carolina youth shooting team and the Mid Carolina Gun Club.

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