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A senate RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE THE West-Oak High School wrestling team, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to recognize the West‑Oak High School wrestling team for winning the South Carolina Class AAA State Championship held at Dreher High School in Columbia on February 8, 2025; and

Whereas, this historic win marks the program’s fourth consecutive state championship, and its ninth in program history; and

Whereas, in the championship game, the West‑Oak Warriors defeated the fourth‑ranked Aynor Blue Jackets by a score of 58‑12. Marcus Thaxton and Sy Strobel opened the proceedings with back‑to‑back victories via technical fall, John Canfield and Gatlin Greer followed with victories by major decision and decision, respectively, and a technical‑fall win from Wyatt Saxon and a pin from Gage Ballard gave West‑Oak an insurmountable advantage after six matches; and

Whereas, the West‑Oak High School wrestling team has flourished under the leadership and guidance of Coach Derek Strobel and assistant coaches, Representative Adam Duncan, Ian James, Al Billings, Rick McLaughlin, and Matt Williams; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the West‑Oak High School wrestling team has brought to its school and community and look forward to a future filled with further accomplishments by the team and its talented athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the West‑Oak High School wrestling team, coaches, and school officials on an outstanding season and honor them for winning the South Carolina Class AAA State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the West‑Oak High School wrestling team, Coach Derek Strobel, and Principal Dr. Brandon Blackwell.

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