**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DREHER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Dreher High School girls varsity basketball team of Richland County took top honors in the state competition held at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Saturday, March 8, 2014; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans the Dreher High School Lady Blue Devils defeated Crestwood High School 56‑44 to take their second state trophy in three seasons and ended this season with an enviable 22‑4 record; and

Whereas, although sophomore Jhileiya Dunlap led the Lady Blue Devils in the first three minutes of the game, posting six points and three rebounds, Crestwood cut Dreher’s lead late in the first quarter to 10‑9; and

Whereas, the Lady Blue Devils responded and carried a 10‑point lead into the second quarter and left the court with a 27‑9 lead at halftime; and

Whereas, Dreher had expanded the lead to 20 points early in the second half when the Crestwood Lady Knights broke their scoreless run with nine unanswered points that reduced the Dreher lead to 11; and

Whereas, by the end of the third quarter, Crestwood had outscored Dreher 17‑8 and brought the score to 35‑26 for the beginning of the final quarter; and

Whereas, Crestwood continued to hit the boards to get back into the game and closed the gap to 49‑43 with only 1:20 left to play, but Dreher’s Kaydra Duckett, the class AAA player of the year, put up 15 points in the final eight minutes of play to keep the Blue Devils on top; and

Whereas, senior Kaydra Duckett led the Blue Devils with 24 points and 12 rebounds, and classmate Makayla Johnson also posted a double‑double with 14 rebounds and 10 points; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, speed, and agility, Head Coach Teresa Jones and her skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to mold a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate appreciates the pride and recognition that the Dreher High School basketball players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Dreher High School girls varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2014 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jeanne Stiglbauer and Coach Teresa Jones.

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