**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Midland Valley High School basketball team of Aiken County took top honors at the state competition held at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Saturday, March 7, 2015; and

Whereas, the first time that the Midland Valley Mustangs from Graniteville took to the floor in a state championship game, they captured the title and ended their season with an impressive 26‑4 record; and

Whereas, although the last time the Mustangs faced off against the defending state champions, A. C. Flora High School, in a holiday tournament in December, the Flora Falcons garnered a thirteen‑point victory over Midland Valley, but in the battle for the state title, the Mustangs delighted their fans when they wrested the trophy from Flora in a 62‑56 win; and

Whereas, Midland Valley took control of the game early with fifteen unanswered points against the Falcons, which helped them maintain a 29‑21 lead at the end of the half; and

Whereas, two times in the second half, Flora trimmed the deficit to four points, but the Mustangs responded both times, shooting a whopping 64.3 percent in that half; and

Whereas, Kameron Brown led the Mustangs in scoring with sixteen points, and Daniel Carr added thirteen points for Midland Valley; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength and agility, speed and accuracy, Head Coach Mark Snelgrove and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to build a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Midland Valley 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 House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Midland Valley High School boys varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2015 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Carl White and Coach Mark Snelgrove.

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