**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE NEWBERRY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE CLASS 3A GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the Newberry High School girls basketball team took top honors at the state competition on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Colonial Life Arena; and

Whereas, the Newberry Bulldogs defeated Ridgeland‑Hardeeville by a score of 57 to 50 for their first state championship. The game was redemption for the Bulldogs, who came within seconds of winning the championship last season; and

Whereas, the Bulldogs were motivated to win by Rayanna Davis, the team’s all‑state guard who was injured in a car accident on February 27, 2018. Davis made an appearance behind the bench at the game and surprised her teammates, who were all wearing socks with her No. 15 on them; and

Whereas, playing a strong game throughout, Newberry outrebounded Ridgeland-Hardeeville by 46 to 31, shot 23 of 32 free throws, and overcame 37 turnovers; and

Whereas, Diamond Davis, the younger sister of Rayanna Davis, finished with 18 points and came up with some key plays in the fourth quarter. Kelsey Felks had 13 points and 23 rebounds; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the Newberry High School girls basketball team has brought to its school and community and look with great interest to hear of all further accomplishments by these talented athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Newberry High School girls basketball team, coaches, and school officials on an outstanding season and honor them for winning the Class 3A Girls State Basketball Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Newberry High School girls basketball team and Coach Melissa Mendenhall.

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