**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BURKE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Burke High School boys basketball team of Charleston County took top honors at the state competition on March 4, 2017, at Colonial Life Arena in Richland County; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their fans, the Bulldogs clinched their second state title in three years with a final score of 56‑53 against W. J. Keenan High School; and

Whereas, at the end of the third quarter, Burke was down to Keenan, having not yet managed to pull ahead in the game. Senior Sidney Robinson decided that it was time for Burke to hold the lead. Having been benched for the majority of the third quarter due to fouls, Sidney entered the game and scored eight points in the final quarter to help propel the Bulldogs to victory. Wanting to get the rally started, he quickly banked in a 3‑pointer to ignite a nine point run; and

Whereas, the Bulldogs earned their first lead with 6:35 left on the clock. Through points scored by Anthony Hill, Algernard Young, Isaiah Holloway, Sidney Robinson, Delonza Simmons, Marquez Watson, Peterio Brown, and Khyree Thompson, Burke secured their fourth state championship in the program’s history; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands agility and skill, Coach Deon Richardson capitalized on his own athletic ability and training to forge a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that the young men of the Burke High School basketball team have brought to their school and community and look forward to hearing 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 Burke High School boys basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2017 Class AA Championship Title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Anna Dassing and Coach Deon Richardson.

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