**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GOOSE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Goose Creek High School girls basketball team of Berkeley County took top honors at the state competition on March 3, 2017, at Colonial Life Arena in Richland County; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their fans, the Gators clinched the title with a final score of 54‑34 against Wade Hampton High School; and

Whereas, on this fateful Friday night, the Goose Creek Gators became South Carolina’s first‑ever Class AAAAA state champions and successfully secured their second state title; and

Whereas, the Gators had an outstanding 27‑1 season, winning not only the state championship, but also the region and low country championships. They ended their year with seventeen straight victories; and

Whereas, the most tense part of the game came halfway through second quarter when the Wade Hampton Generals tied the score at 18‑18. However, Shayla Nelson quickly responded by sinking free throws with 3:09 left on the clock to set off a nine point run by the Gators; and

Whereas, the Gators picked up where they left off in the third quarter with Shayla commencing the second part of the decisive run with a put back and Aniyah Oliver burying a three‑pointer to bring the score to 34‑18. Class AAAAA Player of the Year Mariah Linney tacked on a pair of layups to give the Gators a twenty point lead; and

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

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jimmy Huskey and Head Coach Tim Baldwin.

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