**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2018 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, fully prepared for the challenge, the North Augusta High School girls basketball team crowned a fine season by capturing the 2018 Class AAAA State Championship title, defeating Wilson 52‑34 at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Saturday, March 3, 2018; and

Whereas, in wrapping up this win, the Lady Yellow Jackets secured their second consecutive Class AAAA girls basketball state championship, with Coach Crystal Cummings proudly watching her victorious athletes hoist the title trophy; and

Whereas, having won fifty‑four of fifty‑five games over the past two seasons, the North Augusta players have made it a habit to get on top of teams quickly and never let them back into the game. It was a bit more of a challenge in a rematch with Wilson in the 2018 Class AAAA state championship contest, but the determined, hard‑playing Lady Yellow Jackets showed what they were made of and once again came out on top; and

Whereas, it was a balanced attack for the Yellow Jackets. Amari Young scored 13 points with 17 rebounds, but all eight playing team members scored. Sarah Crews added nine points, and Aaliyah Bell chipped in with eight points; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing the young women of the North Augusta High School girls basketball team for leading with excellence both in the classroom and on the court and expects to hear of continued great achievements in the years 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 commend the North Augusta High School girls basketball team for capturing the 2018 Class AAAA State Championship title and honor the team’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal John Murphy and Coach Crystal Cummings of North Augusta High School.

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