**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL HURRICANE VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM OF CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON, AND TO COMMEND THE OUTSTANDING PLAYERS AND COACHES FOR CAPTURING THE 2009 SCISA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the First Baptist School Hurricane basketball team wrested a victory from the Spartanburg Christian basketball team to win the SCISA Class AA State Championship in a decisive 60‑45 win over the triple‑crown opponents; and

Whereas, over a successful 18‑11 season, the First Baptist team grew more aware of how to put their talents to use and how to forge winning strategies with a marked determination; and

Whereas, the Hurricanes put their agility, speed, and perseverance to the test as they scored and rebounded against the defending champions and never lost their lead throughout the final contest; and

Whereas, in the style of the infamous Hurricane Andrew, Hurricane Andrew Brenner scored twenty‑one points during the championship game, and along with teammates Jarrett Kershaw and Jordan Randolph, he was selected as an all‑tournament player; and

Whereas, drawing on his own athletic ability and his leadership skills, Coach Jeff Whittle, in his initial year as the Hurricane basketball coach, took the Hurricanes to their first‑ever state championship victory; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives take great pleasure in recognizing the young athletes of the First Baptist School basketball team for their leadership on and off the court and anticipate with delight hearing of their continued successes in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and recognize the members of the First Baptist School varsity basketball team of Charleston County for a successful season, and commend the outstanding players for capturing the 2009 SCISA Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Thomas Mullins and Coach Jeff Whittle.

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