**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE PINEWOOD PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM OF SUMMERVILLE, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ATHLETES, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND FOR GARNERING THE 2009 SCISA STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, in a thrilling conflict of female felines, the Pinewood High School Lady Panthers met and conquered Charleston’s Ashley Hall Lady Panthers in a nail‑biting 53‑51 victory, much to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their foes; and

Whereas, the Pinewood Lady Panthers returned home with their first ever state championship trophy in the suspenseful overtime match‑up with the Ashley Hall Panthers; and

Whereas, after Pinewood held an early three‑point lead in the first period, Ashley Hall jumped ahead late in the first period by seven points, but Pinewood cut that lead to one point by the first buzzer; and

Whereas, Ashley Hall trailed by six points at the half and by five points into the fourth period, but after Ashley Hall rallied, Pinewood closed Ashley Hall’s four‑point lead in the final seconds of regulation play to force the championship game into overtime; and

Whereas, the season’s deep lessons of tenacity and teamwork brought the Pinewood Panthers to the fulfillment of their relentless work in arduous practices; and

Whereas, using her own athletic ability and preparation, Coach Nancy Beatty forged a successful championship team while stressing the need for perseverance that served the Panthers well in their final contest of the season; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to acknowledge the achievements of the Lady Panthers and the success they have brought to their school and to their community. 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 Pinewood Preparatory High School girls varsity basketball team of Summerville, and congratulate the athletes, coaches, and school officials for a successful season and for garnering the 2009 SCISA State Basketball Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Glyn Cowlishaw, headmaster, and to Coach Nancy Beatty.

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