**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2009 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, fully ready for the challenge, the Southside High School boys basketball team crowned a splendid 30‑2 season by capturing the 2009 Class AA State Championship title, defeating Mullins 72‑47; and

Whereas, excitement over this title win was especially intense because everyone was waiting to see if the Tigers, as last year’s state champs, could make it two back‑to‑back. Elated Southside fans came away from the game with the conviction that the Tigers had lost nothing in the translation from the 2008 team to the 2009 team and started making plans to see the team do it again in 2010; and

Whereas, the championship game demonstrated Southside’s top‑drawer strength, agility, and skill, as well as finely honed team effort and good sportsmanship; and

Whereas, using these talents and attributes, the team, under the capable leadership of Coach Louie Golden and his assistant coaches, showed fans and foes alike that the Tigers’ victory was no accident; and

Whereas, during the title match, the Southside players put on a dunking clinic, showcasing their coaches’ and their own hard preparatory work and making it clear in the process why this was Coach Golden’s sixth state title and six hundred ninety‑ninth career victory; and

Whereas, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing the young men of the Southside High School boys basketball team for leading with excellence both in the classroom and on the hardwood 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 recognize and commend the Southside High School boys basketball team for capturing the 2009 Class AA 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 Carlos Brooks and Coach Louie Golden of Southside High School.

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