**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL “LADY VIKINGS” BASKETBALL TEAM ON ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2009 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, AND TO HONOR THE PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON.

Whereas, fully prepared for the challenge, the Spring Valley High School “Lady Vikings” basketball team crowned its superlative 28‑1 season by capturing the 2009 Class AAAA State Championship title, defeating Orangeburg‑Wilkinson 53‑22 at Columbia’s Colonial Center on Friday, March 6, 2009; and

Whereas, excitement over this title win was especially intense because it marked the first girls state basketball championship for Spring Valley since 1978, and victory was all the sweeter because many members of this young team will return to play again next year; and

Whereas, team members include Tayana Albritton, Savonia Bryan, Amelia Dozier, Asia Dozier, Jocelyn Lawrence, Courtney Legette, Xylina McDaniel, Briana Robinson, Clara Robinson, Jasmine Ruff, Kynyata Simmons, Elikia Spann, and Shaquita Walker; and

Whereas, in a demonstration of the Lady Vikings’ top‑drawer strength, agility, and skill, as well as finely honed team effort and good sportsmanship, the team powerhoused its way back to the top after a thirty‑one‑year hiatus; and

Whereas, using these talents and attributes, the Lady Vikings, under the capable leadership of Coach Anne Long and her assistants, showed fans and foes alike that this victory was no accident; and

Whereas, the Senate takes great pleasure in recognizing the young women of the Spring Valley High School girls 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 Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate recognize and commend the Spring Valley High School “Lady Vikings” basketball team on its impressive win of the 2009 class AAAA State Championship title, and honor the players, coaches, and staff on an outstanding season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Greg Owings and Coach Anne Long of Spring Valley High School.

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