**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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

Whereas, fully ready for the challenge, the Camden High School boys basketball team crowned a splendid season by capturing the 2009 Class AAA State Championship title, defeating Greer 77‑62 at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Saturday, March 7, 2009; and

Whereas, excitement over this title win was especially intense because it made school history, marking Camden’s first boys state basketball championship in fifty‑one years. Elated Camden fans took note that history had repeated itself in more ways than one since in both 1957 and 1958 when Camden grabbed the state crown back to back, it did so against the same opponent; and

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

Whereas, at the title match, junior powerhouse Josh Council shot a season‑high thirty‑four points while standout Evrik Gary added twenty‑three more; and

Whereas, using these talents and attributes, the team, under the capable leadership of Head Coach Ron McKie and Coaches Ed Tucker and Accie Collins, showed fans and foes alike that the Bulldogs’ victory was no accident; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in recognizing the young men of the Camden 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 Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate recognize and commend the Camden High School boys basketball team for capturing the 2009 Class AAA 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 Reggie Dean and Head Coach Ron McKie of Camden High School.

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