**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR IRMO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND FOR CAPTURING THE 2011 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Irmo High School boys varsity basketball team garnered the state title at the 2011 Class AAAA State Championship on March 4, 2011; and

Whereas, in the first quarter of the championship game, all five members of Irmo’s starting lineup scored, giving Irmo an eleven‑point lead from which Ridge View High School never recovered; and

Whereas, the closest that the Ridge View Blazers came to the Yellow Jackets after that break‑away lead was to trail by seven points in the final quarter; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their foes, the Yellow Jackets defeated the Blazers 79 to 70 to bring home their first state trophy for boys basketball since 1995; and

Whereas, the Irmo High School Yellow Jackets finished their remarkable season with a 27 and 3 record; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires accuracy, skill, speed, and strength, the Irmo Yellow Jackets learned discipline through relentless drills in demanding practices that enabled them to press their opponents and drive to the basket; and

Whereas, using their own athletic ability and training, Coach Tim Whipple and his fine coaching staff forged a championship team and taught these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable to them throughout life both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the pride and recognition that the members of the Irmo High School boys varsity basketball team have brought to their school and to their community and expect to hear of their success and many achievements in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Irmo High School boys varsity basketball team of Lexington County, and congratulate the team members and coaches for a successful season and for capturing the 2011 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Rob Weinkle and Coach Tim Whipple.

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