**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Pinewood Preparatory School varsity girls basketball team of Dorchester County took top honors at the state competition on Saturday, February 25, 2012; and

Whereas, the Pinewood Lady Panthers thrilled their fans and treated the spectators as they won a stunning, nail‑biting 52‑51victory over Northwood Academy in the final game for the championship; and

Whereas, junior Maria Corella led the Panthers with 16 points, including two free throws in the last nine seconds of play to make it a two‑possession game, and teammates Raygon Hendrix and Brianna Boyd, also juniors, scored in the double digits as well to bolster the team effort; and

Whereas, for two consecutive years and three of the last four years, the Lady Panthers have grabbed the state championship title, and they finished the 2012 season with an enviable 22‑6 record; and

Whereas, Pinewood started four juniors in the final game and expect this young team to return as serious contenders for the title in next year’s season; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and skill, Pinewood’s Head Coach Nancy Beatty and her skilled coaching staff used their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Pinewood Preparatory School varsity basketball players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the years ahead. 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 the Pinewood Preparatory School varsity girls basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season, and congratulate them for winning the 2012 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Dr. Carolyn Baechtle and Coach Nancy Beatty.

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