**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2012 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Dutch Fork High School varsity girls basketball team of Irmo took top honors at the state competition on March 2, 2012; and

Whereas, the first sign that the Dutch Fork Lady Silver Foxes would post a spectacular season was when ninety‑nine percent of the players showed their dedication to the team and turned out for summer practices; and

Whereas, in their season opener on November 29, the Lady Foxes defeated Aiken High School, the alma mater of Dutch Fork’s Head Coach Faye Norris, in a stunning 73‑25 rout; and

Whereas, on the last day of January 2012, the Silver Foxes handed number‑one‑ranked Spring Valley a 51‑41 loss on the Vikings home court only three weeks after the Lady Vikings had defeated Dutch Fork 46‑39 on the Silver Foxes turf; and

Whereas, it began then to dawn on the Dutch Fork team that if they could defeat the number‑one team, they could actually be the number‑one team; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Lady Silver Foxes defeated Orangeburg‑Wilkinson High School 61‑29 in the final game of the championship to garner the 2012 trophy, with Silver Fox Donnesha Shuler scoring 24 points, Rose Robinson with 10 points, and Alaina Coates with 11 rebounds and five blocks; and

Whereas, with all but one senior returning for next year’s season, the Dutch Fork team has a bright future as it seeks to repeat as state champions; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and skill, Coach Norris and her skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to build 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 recognition that the Dutch Fork 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 Dutch Fork High School varsity girls basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season, and congratulate them for winning the 2012 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Gregg Morton and Coach Faye Norris.

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