**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE NEWBERRY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2014 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, fully determined to make the title trophy their own, the Newberry High School boys basketball team crowned a splendid season by capturing the 2014 Class AA State Championship, dismantling Lake Marion 77‑47 at Columbia’s Colonial Life Arena on Saturday, March 8, 2014; and

Whereas, excitement over this title win was especially intense because it made school history, marking Newberry’s first team state championship since 1981; and

Whereas, with the biggest prize in South Carolina high school basketball on the line, the Bulldogs avenged two straight championship game losses, a 49‑48 heartbreaker two years ago and a loss to Lake Marion a season ago. But this one was over before the half, and it was sweet redemption for nine Newberry seniors; and

Whereas, the quicker, smaller Bulldogs team won the rebounding battle 44‑35 and held a 20‑5 advantage on second‑chance points. Raquon Davenport was the leading scorer with 15 points, and Jaylen Lindsay, Bennett Wilson, and Trey Miller each chipped in 14 points. Newberry had a 56‑20 advantage on points in the paint and 28‑8 on fast‑break points. Even when the Gators changed defense to try and slow the Bulldogs, Newberry refused to decelerate and just kept moving steadily toward the goal; and

Whereas, jubilant Newberry fans cheered with excitement as the Bulldogs, with equal doses of heart and hustle, orchestrated a game that gave sports pundits confidence in predicting a repeat performance for 2015; and

Whereas, Coach Chad Cary, who had honed his players into a championship machine, saw the fruits of his labors as the title trophy was hoisted; and

Whereas, the Senate takes great pleasure in recognizing the young men of the Newberry High School boys basketball team for leading with excellence both in the classroom and on the court 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, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Newberry High School boys basketball team for capturing the 2014 Class AA State Championship title and honor the team’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Katrina Singletary and Coach Chad Cary.

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