**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WANDO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Wando High School boys varsity basketball team of Charleston County took top honors at the state competition at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Friday, March 7, 2014; and

Whereas, young and optimistic, Head Coach David Eaton motivated his Warriors at the beginning of the season to overcome their lack of preseason ranking, and he inspired them with a goal that Wando High basketball team had never accomplished: winning a state championship; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Wando Warriors defeated the Hillcrest High School Rams 65‑50 to carry home the first boys basketball state championship title in the school’s history; and

Whereas, the Hillcrest Rams controlled the lead until three minutes into the second quarter, pressing the Warriors into twelve turnovers in the first half, when all‑state sophomore Jamez Rogers swished a three‑pointer for Wando to give the Warriors their first lead since the first bucket of the game; and

Whereas, Rogers’s shot triggered a shift in momentum to the Warriors, which he quickly capitalized on by posting the next seven points to ensure that they would not trail again the rest of the game; and

Whereas, the Rams responded by issuing eight unanswered points with three minutes left in the fourth quarter, reducing the Wando lead to ten points, but the Warriors fiercely fired back when forward Taylor Majewski scored five straight points; and

Whereas, when time expired, the Wando Warriors stood victorious, hoisted the championship trophy, and proudly sported their state medals; and

Whereas, although Jamez Rogers led the Warriors in scoring with 25 points; double digits also were posted by point guard Amp Moore with 13 points and Andrew Glover with 11; and Taylor Majewski contributed 7 points and 8 rebounds, and center Matt Pegram finished with 9 points, 15 rebounds, and 4 blocks.

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and accuracy, Coach David Eaton and his skilled coaching staff drew on 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 court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Wando High School basketball players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days 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 Wando High School boys varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2014 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Lucy Beckham and Coach David Eaton.

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