**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DREHER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015‑2016 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Dreher High School girls varsity basketball team of Richland County took top honors at the state competition held at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Saturday, March 5, 2016; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their exuberant fans, the Dreher Lady Blue Devils scored and rebounded their way to defeat Myrtle Beach High School in a nail‑biting 45‑41 finish; and

Whereas, Myrtle Beach’s Lady Seahawks jumped to a 7-3 lead early in the first quarter, but Dreher led by three at the end of the period; and

Whereas, the Lady Blue Devils scored eight unanswered points at the start of the second quarter and were winning at the half by a score of 26‑17; and

Whereas, Dreher built a commanding thirteen‑point lead late in the third quarter, which Myrtle Beach narrowed to ten points to start the final quarter; and

Whereas, after Myrtle Beach tied the score 41‑41 with only two minutes remaining, the Blue Devils found their rhythm shutting down the Lady Seahawks and scoring four more points to win 45‑41; and

Whereas, in an impressive team effort, Kamryn Lemon led the Lady Blue Devils with fourteen points, five rebounds, two assists, and three steals. She was named to the All Region team; and

Whereas, Jhileiya Dunlap posted twelve points, four rebounds, and six blocked shots. She was named the Region IV MVP, the AAA State Player of the Year, the South Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year, and a McDonald’s All-American nominee, and she will be playing college basketball for the University of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Jaelynn Murray added ten points, eleven rebounds, four blocks, and five steals, and Kaleah Hires contributed five points, two rebounds, two assists, and two steals. Both were named to the All Region team; and

Whereas, Carla Brown scored two points and grabbed six rebounds, and Eboni Jones scored two points as well; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and accuracy, Head Coach Teresa Jones and her skilled coaching staff maximized their own athletic ability and training to mold 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 Senate value the pride and recognition that the Dreher High School girls varsity basketball players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued achievements in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Dreher High School girls varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2015‑2016 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jeanne Stiglbauer and Coach Teresa Jones.

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