**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE RICHARD WINN ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND ITS FINE COACH ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the Richard Winn Academy (RWA) girls basketball team drove past Holly Hill 59‑34 to net the 2015 SCISA Class A State Championship, held on February 28, 2015; and

Whereas, the court echoed with the cheers of exuberant RWA fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized as a satisfying end to an undefeated 28‑0 season; and

Whereas, the 2015 championship win made it a threepeat for the Lady Eagles, who now own the distinction of being the first sports team in the history of their school to bring home three state crowns in a row. By the end of the title game, their many admirers were already looking with anticipation toward a repeat performance next year; and

Whereas, such victories do not come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Coach Jason Haltiwanger has built his girls basketball program into championship caliber and trained his athletes not to settle for second best; and

Whereas, it is characteristic of this team and this coach that they give full glory and thanks to God for enabling them to play well and claim the state title once again; and

Whereas, adding further glitter to the championship crown, Jaycie Johnson and Jessie Stidham earned berths on the All‑State tournament team, Jessie Stidham was named to the SCISA/GISA All‑Star game (to be coached by RWA’s Coach Jason Haltiwanger), and Jaycie Johnson, Emily Brigman, and Alyssa Atkerson were tapped for the SCISA North/South All‑Star game; and

Whereas, the Lady Eagles have brought great pride and recognition to their school and community, and the House is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such an outstanding group of young athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Richard Winn Academy girls basketball team and its fine coach on their impressive win of the 2015 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Dr. Nancy Coleman and Coach Jason Haltiwanger of Richard Winn Academy.

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