**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Lancaster High School basketball team of Lancaster County garnered top honors at the state competition in Columbia on Saturday, March 7, 2015; and

Whereas, to the jubilation of their fans, the Lancaster Lady Bruins defeated Lakewood High School in a nail‑biting 44‑42 finish; and

Whereas, down by ten points in the fourth quarter, Lancaster answered the challenge with a 14‑2 run over Lakewood’s Lady Gators; and

Whereas, the Lady Bruins trailed 40‑30 with less than seven minutes of play remaining when junior starter Alexis Williams had just fouled out. Teammate Malia Rivers, the Region 3 Class AAA Player of the Year, drove repeatedly to the basket, forcing the Lady Gators to defend her or foul, and she earned nine of the fourteen points in the run that moved Lancaster to victory; and

Whereas, junior Hayden Thorne hit the boards with two huge rebounds in the last two minutes and stuffed a shot by the Gators’ leader with less than two minutes to play, tying the game 42‑42. After Malia Rivers made a free throw that put the Bruins ahead 43‑42, Hayden Thorne rebounded a failed attempt at the basket by Lady Gators with only 33.6 seconds to play. Lancaster senior and Coach Ronnie Robinson’s daughter, Kaela Robinson, sank one of two free throws with 10.5 seconds remaining to secure the title; and

Whereas, the Lady Bruins finished a perfect 27‑0 season with a state championship trophy, breaking the team’s drought on state wins since 1959, and claimed their fourth state title; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and speed, Head Coach Ronnie Robinson and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on 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 court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Lancaster 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 Lancaster High School girls varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2015 South Carolina Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Principal of Lancaster High School, Dr. Joe Keenan, and to Coach Ronnie Robinson.

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