**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN UNDEFEATED SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Lake View High School academic challenge team of Dillon County garnered top honors at the state competition held at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church in Laurens on March 17, 2016; and

Whereas, at the beginning of the school year, the Lake View academic challenge team began practicing twice a week after school, not an easy task as one half of the team members also participate in varsity sports; and

Whereas, in fourteen competitions for the year, the Lake View Wild Gators not only posted a perfect undefeated season, but they also outscored their combined opponents by a cumulative score of 425 to 213; and

Whereas, Lake View handily claimed the Pee Dee regional championship title and represented the Pee Dee on the way to the championship; and

Whereas, in the semi‑finals, the Wild Gators bested Camden High School 33‑27 and then, to the delight of their ardent fans, Lake View High defeated Indian Land High School 36‑24 to capture the team’s second consecutive state championship title; and

Whereas, the Lake View academic challenge team members include Dia’yah Williams, Brennan Scott, Taylor Tarte, Courtney Dale, Datron Jones, Brent Herlong, Eric Johnson, Hunter Cox, Michael Jiron, Hailey Hayes, Layne Smith, Daniel Dale II, Haley Miller, and Caroline Dale; and

Whereas, in academic competition that requires demanding study, mental keenness, and confidence, Head Coach Daniel Dale and his skilled assistant coaches, Brooks Garris and Jeffery Ceasar, maximized their own academic ability and training to produce a championship team and teach these scholars lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life, both in and out of the classroom; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the high standard of excellence that the Lake View academic competitors have set for their school and the respect and distinction that they have brought to their community, and the members look to hear of the continued accomplishments of these scholars in the days to come. 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 commend the Lake View High School academic challenge team, coaches, and school officials for an undefeated season and congratulate them for winning the 2016 Division II State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Edison Arnette and Coach Daniel Dale.

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