**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BURKE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Burke High School basketball team of Charleston County took top honors at the state competition held at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Saturday, March 7, 2015; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Burke High School Bulldogs pressed to an early lead in their domination of 61‑42 over Fox Creek High School to capture the state title; and

Whereas, the Fox Creek Predators fell behind in the first quarter 16‑9 against the unremitting Bulldogs, and by late in the second quarter, Burke had a 30‑19 lead; and

Whereas, in the third quarter, Burke outscored Fox Creek 15‑9, and the Bulldogs ran the clock down in the fourth quarter until the final buzzer; and

Whereas, Bulldog Adonicas Sanders posted fourteen points and seven rebounds in the championship game, while Sidney Robinson put up thirteen points and Isaiah Holloway scored ten; and

Whereas, with more than twice the Predators’ nineteen rebounds, Burke managed forty‑four rebounds, with nineteen of those on offensive boards alone; and

Whereas, even though the Bulldogs played for the trophy in 2010 and 2011 and were semifinalists in 2012, they garnered the basketball team’s first state title since 1984 and finished the season with an impressive 25‑4 record; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and speed, Head Coach Deon Richardson 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 the court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the Burke 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 Senate:

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

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Maurice Cannon and Coach Deon Richardson.

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