**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEMINGWAY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Hemingway High School boys basketball team took top honors at the state competition held at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on March 3, 2018; and

Whereas, Darius “JuJu” Williams scored twenty‑one points and added fourteen rebounds which led Hemingway to its second straight Class A boys basketball championship in a 71‑59 victory over Ridge Spring‑Monetta, their third since 2010; and

Whereas, although Hemingway held a slim 32‑28 lead at the half, the Tigers surged to a 42‑32 lead by the middle of the third quarter, never trailing again. Hemingway’s lead grew to as much as fifteen points as their 25‑17 scoring advantage in the third quarter overwhelmed Ridge Spring‑Monetta; and

Whereas, in addition to Williams’ twenty‑one points, teammates Darius Taylor added sixteen points, Jaquan Julious put up twelve points, Dashaquavious Cooper scored nine points, Bobby Troy Singletary sank six points, Cephon Lewis added five points, and Aaron Parker scored two points; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands skill and tenacity, Coach Emmanuel DeWalt built upon his own experience and athletic ability to build a championship‑level team and teach these young student‑athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the pride and recognition that the Hemingway High School boys basketball players once again have brought to their school and community, and look forward to hearing of their future successes in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Hemingway High School boys basketball team, coaches, and school officials for a remarkable season and congratulate them for winning the 2018 South Carolina Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Gerard Edwards, principal, and Coach Emmanuel DeWalt.

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