**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DORCHESTER ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 SCISA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Dorchester Academy girls basketball team of Dorchester County took top honors at the state competition on February 25, 2017, at the Sumter Civic Center in Sumter County; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their fans, the Lady Raiders clinched the title with a final score of 52-45 against Laurens Academy; and

Whereas, a young team with a first-year coach, Dorchester Academy was able to exceed all expectations for the season. The Lady Raiders started the game with two sophomores, two freshmen, and one senior. Lone senior Julia Smoak scored 23 points throughout the course of the game, leading the team on the court in the last game of her high school career; and

Whereas, Coach Callie McClure was able to impart vital lessons to her team by utilizing her own personal experience, as well as her athletic ability. Not only did Coach McClure forge a championship team in her inaugural season, this was also the first state title Dorchester Academy has seen since 2002 when Coach McClure was a player; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that the young women of the Dorchester Academy basketball team have brought to their school and community and look forward to hearing 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 Dorchester Academy girls basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2017 SCISA Class A Championship Title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Roger Duffel and Coach Callie McClure.

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