**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2017 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, fully prepared for the challenge, the Dorman High School boys basketball team crowned an outstanding 23‑5 season by capturing the 2017 Class AAAAA State Championship title, defeating Blythewood 55‑53 on Friday, March 3, 2017, at Columbia’s Colonial Life Arena; and

Whereas, with the biggest prize in South Carolina high school boys basketball on the line, the Cavaliers focused all their knowledge, skill, and determination, took to heart their coaches’ exhortations, and came through like the champions they are; and

Whereas, Dorman started the year as No. 1 and ended it that way. In a thriller of a game, a back‑door layup with forty seconds to go gave the Cavaliers the victory over Blythewood and handed Dorman its first basketball state title in school history. The win also earned Coach Thomas Ryan his first state title; and

Whereas, jubilant Dorman fans cheered with excitement as the Cavs, with equal doses of heart and hustle, orchestrated a game that gave sports pundits confidence in predicting a repeat performance for 2018; and

Whereas, having honed his players into a championship machine, Coach Ryan saw the fruit of his labors as the title trophy was hoisted; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing the young men of the Dorman High School boys basketball team for leading with excellence both in the classroom and on the court and expects to hear of continued great achievements in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Dorman High School boys basketball team for capturing the 2017 Class AAAAA State Championship title and honor the team’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Ken Kiser and Coach Thomas Ryan of Dorman High School.

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