**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the Thomas Sumter Academy (TSA) girls varsity basketball team drove past Calhoun Academy 40‑33 to net the 2017 SCISA 2A State Championship, held on Saturday, February 25, 2017; and

Whereas, the Sumter County Civic Center echoed with the cheers of exuberant TSA fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized as a satisfying end to a fabulous season; and

Whereas, by the end of the title game, the Lady Generals’ many admirers were already looking with anticipation toward a repeat performance next year; and

Whereas, such victories do not come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Head Coach B.J. Reed and Assistant Coach Sandi Dixon have built their girls basketball program into championship caliber and trained their athletes not to settle for second best; and

Whereas, adding further glitter to a sparkling season, Bree Stoddard was voted 2016‑2017 Region II Player of the Year, and Bree and her sister, Aubrey Stoddard, were both named to the All‑Tournament Team at the state championship; and

Whereas, the Lady Generals have brought great pride and recognition to their school and community, and the House is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such an outstanding group of young athletes. 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 Thomas Sumter Academy girls varsity basketball team on its impressive win of the 2017 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) 2A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Debbie Nix and Head Coach B.J. Reed of Thomas Sumter Academy.

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