**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE BURKE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to recognize the Burke High School basketball team for winning the state basketball championship on March 4, 2017 at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their fans, the Bulldogs clinched their second state title in three years and the fourth in the program’s history, with a final score of 56‑53 against W. J. Keenan High School; and

Whereas, although Burke never led during the first three quarters, the team showed classic Bulldog tenacity. In the fourth quarter, senior Sidney Robinson decided that it was time for Burke to hold the lead, scoring eight points and helping propel the Bulldogs to victory; and

Whereas, the Bulldogs pulled off a nail-biting win, only earning their first lead with 6:35 left on the clock. Anthony Hill led the Bulldogs with 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Algernard Young chipped in 11 points. Burke also forced 26 Keenan turnovers; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands agility and skill, Coach Deon Richardson capitalized on his own athletic ability and training to forge a championship‑caliber 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 community and look with interest to hear of their future success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Burke High School basketball team, coaches, and school officials on a stellar season and honor them for winning the 2017 class AA state championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Anna Dassing and Coach Deon Richardson of Burke High School.

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