**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Thomas Sumter Academy Girls basketball team took top honors at the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) 2A state competition held at the Sumter County Civic Center on Saturday, February 25, 2017; and

Whereas, to the enthusiastic cheers of their faithful fans, the Thomas Sumter Lady Generals hit the backboards and pressed their way to defeat competitive challengers from Calhoun Academy 40‑33; and

Whereas, Thomas Sumter’s Bree Stoddard was voted 2016‑2017 Region II Player of the Year, and both she and her sister, Aubrey Stoddard, were named to the All‑Tournament Team at the state championship; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and accuracy, Head Coach B. J. Reed and Assistant Coach Sandi Dixon maximized their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship 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 Thomas Sumter basketball players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued achievements in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Thomas Sumter Academy girls varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2017 South Carolina Independent School Association 2A State Championship title.

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

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