**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2019 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACH, AND STAFF.

Whereas, fully resolved to take home the gold, the Keenan High School boys basketball team crowned an outstanding season by netting the 2019 Class AAA State Championship title, defeating Ridgeland‑Hardeeville 70‑40 on Saturday March 2, 2019, at Columbia’s Colonial Life Arena; and

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

Whereas, for the second straight time, the Raiders played a dominating second half, outscoring the Jaguars 51‑20; and

Whereas, in all phases, their powerful second half revealed the aggressive Raiders getting on the floor for every loose ball and getting their fastbreak going with several slam dunks to get the Keenan faithful on their feet; and

Whereas, it was Keenan’s eighth state title and first since 2015. The Raiders’ eight state titles are tied for third most with Calhoun County; and

Whereas, having honed his players into a championship machine, Coach Zach Norris 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 Keenan 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 Keenan High School boys basketball team for capturing the 2019 Class AAA State Championship title and honor the team’s exceptional players, coach, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Vondré T. Whaley and Coach Zach Norris of Keenan High School.

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