**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CLARENDON HALL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that the members of the Clarendon Hall basketball team of Summerton took home the state title from the championship game held at the Sumter Civic Center on Saturday, February 23, 2019; and

Whereas, to the sheer delight of their exuberant fans, the Clarendon Hall Saints defeated Charleston’s Cathedral Academy Generals 57‑41 to finish the season with an undefeated 29‑0 record; and

Whereas, at the end of the fast‑paced but low­scoring first quarter of the title game, the Generals, who had lost to Clarendon twice during the regular season, led 14-12, keeping pace with the Saints until the Clarendon extended its lead to 28‑22 at the halftime; and

Whereas, in the second half, the Saints made adjustments that produced two early three‑point shots and three of their successful nine out of thirteen free throws. Their stronger defensive intensity hindered the Generals enough to expand Clarendon’s lead even more, going into the fourth quarter with a 41‑30 lead; and

Whereas, in the fourth quarter, Clarendon broadened its lead to 55‑36 with treys, forced turnovers, and breakaway dunks with less than four minutes to play in the historic game for the Saints; and

Whereas, junior Zyan Gilmore posted nine rebounds, six steals, and four assists while classmate Traveon Davis netted five rebounds, four steals, and two assists, and the two led the Saints with sixteen points each to give Clarendon more than half of its score for the game; and

Whereas, freshman Kylic Horton played like a veteran with four rebounds, four steals, and two assists while contributing another thirteen points to the scoreboard. Junior Tyrese Mitchum provided eight points, ten rebounds, and two steals, and Da’Quavion Miller, four points; and

Whereas, Traveon Davis, Zyan Gilmore, and Tyrese Mitchum were honored with selection to the Class A All‑Tournament team for the Saints; and

Whereas, during the season, every game threatened the Saints with the possibility of losing an undefeated record until they were able to reach the seemingly impossible goal, the longed‑for perfection; and

Whereas, even though the school has garnered state championships in other sports through the years, this game secured the first state title for the Clarendon Hall boys’ basketball program; and

Whereas, with all five starters and several key reserve team members who are underclassmen, the Saints have set their sights on another opportunity to reach for a state trophy again next year; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and accuracy, Head Coach Anthony Reitenour, a former Saints player himself, and his skilled coaching staff maximized their own athletic ability and training to produce a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes invaluable life lessons, both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly value the pride and recognition that the Clarendon Hall basketball players have brought to their school and their community, and the members look to hear of their continued achievements in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Clarendon Hall boys varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an extraordinary season and congratulate them for winning the 2019 South Carolina Independent School Association Class 1A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Phillip Rizzo and Coach Anthony Reitenour.

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