**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Dorman High School basketball team of Spartanburg County took top honors at the state tournament held at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Friday, March 1, 2019; and

Whereas, to the cheers and celebration of their exuberant fans, the Dorman High Cavaliers defeated the competitive Berkeley High School Stags 46‑39 to claim the team’s third consecutive state championship title, every title since the South Carolina High School League inaugurated the AAAAA classification; and

Whereas, Dorman managed to squeak out a 23‑22 lead at halftime without using the team’s suffocating 1‑2‑2 trap defense in the first half, and when the Cavaliers returned from the lockers and began using the play, the Berkeley offense ceded the lead to the Cavaliers throughout the second half, only tying once at 25; and

Whereas, as the two teams known for their strong defense vied with one another, neither team could stretch beyond Dorman’s biggest lead of seven points at 40‑33, after which the lead was cut to four, and then extended again to seven when the final buzzer sounded; and

Whereas, the Cavaliers’ dominant defense forced 21 turnovers, and the team posted 10 steals and 16 defensive rebounds in the championship game; and

Whereas, Dorman’s Myles Tate led his team with 19 points while teammate Jack Renwick posted 11 points; Ta’Lon Cooper contributed 7 points; Kamal Desor and P.J. Hall tied with 4 points each, and Tyrese Pilgrim added 1 point; and

Whereas, with fourteen different Cavalier starters in three runs for the title, Dorman High has not depended on two or three key players to secure their three trophies, but every team member has played a key role in the team’s victories; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires strength, agility, and accuracy, Head Coach Thomas Ryan and his skilled coaching staff maximized their own experience and passion to sustain a championship‑caliber legacy and teach these athletes valuable life lessons for both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the respect and recognition that the Dorman basketball players have brought to their school and their community, and the members look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Dorman High School boys varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for capturing the 2019 South Carolina Class AAAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Ken Kizer and Coach Thomas Ryan.

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