**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE CARDINAL NEWMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACH, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR CLINCHING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, on Saturday, February 23, 2019, the Cardinal Newman girls basketball team secured their first‑ever state title in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) 3A championship game; and

Whereas, facing Northwood Academy, the Cardinals started the game strong, putting up an early lead of 10‑1 in the opening minutes of the quarter; and

Whereas, Cardinal Newman, which bested Porter‑Gaud School 51‑38 the night before, kept the Chargers at bay, maintaining a persistent lead and closing out the quarter at 15‑10; and

Whereas, the Cardinals never lost their lead, winning the game with a final score of 53‑44 at the Sumter Civic Center; and

Whereas, head coach Molly Rainwater provided her girls with the skill and expertise to pair with their talent which culminated in their successful bid for the state title; and

Whereas, the Cardinal Newman girls basketball team finished the season 25‑4, an impressive accomplishment even without the state trophy; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the recognition and prestige these girls have brought their school and community and hope to hear of much continued success. 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 Cardinal Newman girls basketball team, coach, and school officials for clinching the South Carolina Independent School Association 3A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to head coach Molly Rainwater and Principal Jacqualine Kasprowski.

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