**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO APPLAUD THE BRANCHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM ON NETTING THE 2019 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THESE ATHLETES AND THEIR COACHES ON A FINE SEASON.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Branchville High School volleyball team captured the 2019 Class A state championship; and

Whereas, on Saturday, November 9, 2019, the Lady Yellow Jackets (31-13-2) triumphed in straight sets (25‑15, 25‑19, and 25‑15) to win the Class A title 3‑0 against High Point Academy at Lexington’s River Bluff High School; and

Whereas, determined to take home the hardware after two seasons of appearing in the title match and falling short of victory, the Yellow Jackets played like a well‑oiled machine and finished with a title and trophy, capturing their first state championship since 2016; and

Whereas, the Lady Yellow Jackets were led by senior setter Abby Funchess with 21 assists and 6 digs; senior outside/middle hitter Kelsey Kinard with 9 kills and 7 digs; sophomore outside/middle hitter Carley Kinard with 2 aces, 6 kills, 12 digs, and 9 receptions; freshman outside/middle hitter Brianna Wiles with 3 kills and 4 aces; junior libero Haley Hess with 5 aces, 6 digs, and 12 receptions; and junior right‑side hitter Olivia Banks with 3 kills; and

Whereas, Branchville has now played in nine of the past ten Class A state championship matches, reaching the 2019 title match after defeating Lake View for the Lower State championship; and

Whereas, rightly proud of his team, Head Coach Ron Nester had already tested his players this season with a tough non‑region schedule, and it paid off; and

Whereas, appreciative of the well‑deserved recognition these athletes have brought to their school and community, the House of Representatives congratulates the Lady Yellow Jackets, and the members look with interest toward hearing of their further successes on and off the volleyball court. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, applaud the Branchville High School volleyball team on netting the 2019 Class A State Championship title and congratulate these athletes and their coaches on a fine season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Matt Schilit and Head Coach Ron Nester of Branchville High School.

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