**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE BEAUFORT ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the Beaufort Academy girls basketball team drove past Dorchester Academy 48‑27 to capture the 2020 South Carolina Independent School Association 1A State Championship, held on Saturday, February 29, 2020; and

Whereas, led by senior captains forward Amelia Heubel, a strong HSSR‑SCISA Class A Player of the Year nominee, and point guard Emily Ann Hiers, a strong HSSR‑SCISA All‑State nominee, the Lady Eagles captured the school’s first‑ever girls basketball state title; and

Whereas, the Sumter County Civic Center echoed with the cheers of exuberant Beaufort fans as the Lady Eagles (22‑3) showed spectators how to win a championship; and

Whereas, Beaufort Academy’s 17‑0 scoring run straddling the third and fourth quarters clinched the win. Emily Ann Hiers sparked the run with a 3‑pointer to get the Eagles up 24‑20 on Dorchester, and for the rest of the way the action was all Beaufort Academy steals, blocks, rebounds, and points. Amelia Heubel stood out with 15 points and 12 rebounds, and besides Heubel’s scoring, Beaufort got 14 points from Mike’Ala Washington; and

Whereas, such victories do not come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Head Coach Lilian Aldred has built her girls basketball program into championship caliber and trained her athletes not to settle for second best; and

Whereas, the Lady Eagles have brought great pride and recognition to their school and community, and the House is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such an outstanding group of young athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the Beaufort Academy girls basketball team on its impressive win of the 2020 South Carolina Independent School Association 1A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Dan Durbin and Head Coach Lilian Aldred of Beaufort Academy.

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