**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO SALUTE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that the basketball team of Dorman High School in Spartanburg County captured the state title at the competition held at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Friday, March 6, 2020; and

Whereas, leaving a host of competitors in their wake, the Dorman High School Cavaliers bested Dutch Fork High School to be crowned state champions for the fourth year in a row, the only basketball team in their division to hoist the state trophy since the South Carolina High School League inaugurated the AAAAA classification in the State; and

Whereas, Dorman posted the game’s first 11 points and led 37‑15 at halftime, but the nationally ranked Cavaliers were too dominant for the Dutch Fork Silver Foxes to overcome in the second half; and

Whereas, with the 65-46 victory, the Cavaliers continued the team’s dynasty and topped off the season with a 30‑1 record, its only loss to nationally ranked Oak Hill Academy in Wilson, Virginia, and they captured two prestigious tournaments this season, the Chick‑fil‑A Classic in Columbia and the Beach Ball Classic in Myrtle Beach; and

Whereas, ranked number 2 by ESPN and number 3 by MaxPreps, Dorman is scheduled to play in New York in April for the GEICO Nationals, featuring eight of the country’s top high school teams; and

Whereas, after playing on Dorman’s junior varsity team in the ninth grade, senior PJ Hall worked hard to become the forward and a cornerstone for the Cavaliers. He posted 16 points and 12 rebounds, including a one‑handed slam in the championship game, and has signed to play basketball for Clemson; and

Whereas, senior Myles Tate, the school’s all‑time leading scorer and part of all four title teams for Dorman, led the Cavaliers in this year’s title game with 17 points, and he has signed to play for Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

Whereas, Jalen Breazeale scored 11 points as Dorman secured the title, Justin Amadi 10 points, Tra’Sean Staggs 4, Jack Renwick 3, and Jordyn Surratt and Earl Burgess added 2 points each; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires agility, accuracy, and strength, Head Coach Thomas Ryan, a former Lexington High School standout, and his skilled coaching staff maximized their own athletic ability and training to produce a championship team and teach these athletes indispensable lessons that will stand them in good stead throughout life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and esteem that the Dorman basketball players have brought to their school and their community and expect to see their future success in the days to come. 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 commend the Dorman High School boys varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an extraordinary season and salute them for winning the 2020 South Carolina Class AAAAA State Championship title.

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

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