**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2020 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF ON A FINE SEASON.

Whereas, fully resolved to make it their second crown in three seasons, the Keenan High School girls basketball team capped an outstanding record by netting the 2020 Class AAA State Championship title, defeating Marion 53‑33 on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Columbia’s Colonial Life Arena; and

Whereas, with the biggest prize in South Carolina high school girls basketball on the line, the Lady Raiders focused all their knowledge, skill, and determination, took to heart their coach’s exhortations, and came through like the champions they are. The result? Their fourth state crown overall. And the fact that the win was Keenan’s first since moving up to Class 3A made the occasion even more special; and

Whereas, Keenan (21‑6) rode another strong performance from MiLaysia Fulwiley, the freshman phenom and Class 3A Player of the Year. With Fulwiley at the helm for the next three years and only three players graduating this year, the Lady Raiders are sitting pretty for acquiring more titles; and

Whereas, Keenan’s defense suffocated Marion’s offense and held the top‑ranked Swamp Foxes to just 19% shooting. The Lady Raiders, who led 26‑18 at halftime, went on a 9‑0 run in the third quarter and led 39‑23. At the final buzzer, Keenan had finished the season on a 17‑game winning streak, owned a new state title, and was about to receive some good‑looking hardware to take home; and

Whereas, having honed his players into a championship machine, Coach Reggie McLain saw the fruit of his labors as the title trophy was hoisted; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing the young women of the Keenan High School girls basketball team for leading with excellence both in the classroom and on the court, and the members expect to hear of continued great achievements in the years ahead. 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 Keenan High School girls basketball team for capturing the 2020 Class AAA State Championship title and congratulate the team’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff on a fine season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Vondré T. Whaley and Coach Reggie McLain of Keenan High School.

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