**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that the members of the Ridge View High School boys varsity basketball team of Richland County clinched the top honors at the State Championship title game, held at Colonial Life Arena on March 7, 2020; and

Whereas, Ridge View High School fans were treated to a brilliant display of athletic prowess as the Blazers defeated the Myrtle Beach High School Seahawks 69‑59, capturing the South Carolina Class AAAA State Championship title for the third consecutive year; and

Whereas, using an 11‑0 run beginning late in the third quarter to take control of the game, the Blazers snatched victory from behind as they had in all three of their final playoff games. The final result of the championship game is indicative of their season long efforts, their fighting spirit, and their willingness to outlast and outwork their opponents on the court; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires a powerful work ethic and the diligence to continually strive for perfection, Head Coach Yerrick Stoneman has developed the Ridge View boys varsity basketball team into a formidable program dedicated to excellence and success. Together with his skilled coaching staff, he successfully prepared the Blazers for the rigorous demands required of a championship‑caliber team, while simultaneously laying the foundation for the future in which the Blazers will continue to strive for success as they compete against new competition in Class AAAA; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that the Ridge View High School Blazers have earned for their school and their community and look forward to hearing of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. 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 honor the Ridge View High School boys varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an extraordinary season and congratulate them for winning the 2020 South Carolina Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Brenda Mack‑Foxworth, principal of Ridge View High School, and Coach Yerrick Stoneman.

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