**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE GOOSE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2020 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO APPLAUD THE TEAM’S STELLAR PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, ready for the challenge, the Goose Creek High School girls basketball team added another triumph to an already outstanding season by capturing the 2020 Class AAAAA State Championship title, defeating Clover 42‑38 on March 6, 2020, at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia; and

Whereas, in capturing their fourth state championship, the Lady Gators focused all their knowledge, skill, and determination, took to heart their coaches’ exhortations, and came through like the champions they are; and

Whereas, further, Goose Creek is state champion for the third time in the last four years and repeated as titlist after winning last year; and

Whereas, gone from last year’s winning team were eight players, including five who went on to play college basketball. In 2020, Goose Creek leaned heavily on four seniors, who carried the weight and did a great job of leading the team, and that was enough to power the Lady Gators to a 27‑3 record; and

Whereas, Goose Creek made 14 of 18 free throws in the second half and converted 10 of 11 opportunities in the final four minutes of the game. But it was a strong, physical defensive effort that proved to be the key ingredient for the Gators; and

Whereas, having honed his players into a championship machine, Coach Tim Baldwin 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 players of the Goose Creek High School girls basketball team for leading with excellence, both in the classroom and on the court, and expects 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 Goose Creek High School girls basketball team for capturing the 2020 Class AAAAA State Championship title and applaud the team’s stellar players, coaches, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Shameka Washington and Coach Tim Baldwin of Goose Creek High School.

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