**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SPARTANBURG DAY SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2021‑2022 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Spartanburg Day School varsity boys basketball team took home the state title from the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) competition held at Spartanburg High School on Saturday, February 26, 2022; and

Whereas, to the delight of their exuberant fans, the Griffins defeated a fine, competitive Spartanburg Christian Academy team to end the season with an overall record of 15‑5; and

Whereas, Spartanburg Day advanced to the state championship game with a thrilling, double-overtime victory over Shannon Forest Christian School in the state semifinals, marking the third time this season that the Griffins defeated the Crusaders in overtime. In the first of those games, Hugh Converse sank a three‑point shot for the Griffins with four-tenths of a second left in regulation, and as time expired in overtime, teammate Caleb Banks hit an eighteen foot shot to win the game; and

Whereas, with both teams playing for the championship being from Spartanburg for the first time in SCISA history, the championship game was moved from the Sumter Civic Center to Spartanburg High School; and

Whereas, the Griffins faced Spartanburg Christian Academy in the championship game, a team that had bested them during the regular season. But Spartanburg Day won when it mattered most, capturing the title with a resounding 53‑31 victory; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and accuracy, Head Coach Gregg Nibert and his skilled coaching staff maximized their own athletic ability and training to hone a championship team and teach these athletes life principles that will endure beyond the courts; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that the Spartanburg Day School boys basketball players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued achievements 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 Spartanburg Day School varsity boys basketball team, coaches, and school officials for a remarkable season and congratulate them for winning the 2021‑2022 South Carolina Independent School Association State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Rachel Deems and Coach Gregg Nibert.

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