**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE WILSON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2022 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, fully resolved to take home the gold, the Wilson High School boys basketball team crowned a fine season by netting the 2022 Class AAAA State Championship title, defeating A.C. Flora 52‑43 on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the USC‑Aiken Convocation Center; and

Whereas, with the biggest prize in South Carolina high school boys basketball on the line, the Tigers focused all their knowledge, skill, and determination, took to heart their coaches’ exhortations, and came through like the champions they are. The result? Their first state title in sixteen years and their second in school history; and

Whereas, Wilson gave its fans plenty to cheer about early on as it jumped out to a 15‑6 lead after the first quarter. The Falcons withstood Wilson’s first spurt, and the first half ended 20‑20; and

Whereas, Wilson started the second half like the first and led 32‑23 before Flora answered with a 6‑0 run over the final 2:35 of the quarter to pull within 32‑29. But the Tigers hit a 3‑pointer to begin the fourth quarter, and the Falcons never got closer than four points the rest of the way; and

Whereas, making a sweet victory even sweeter, Wilson alum and Head Coach Carlos Powell saw his alma mater win the state title in what was only his second season coaching the Tigers; and

Whereas, the House takes great pleasure in recognizing the young men of the Wilson High School boys 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, congratulate the Wilson High School boys basketball team for capturing the 2022 Class AAAA State Championship title and honor the team’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Eric Robinson, principal, and Head Coach Carlos Powell of Wilson High School.

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