**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2022 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that the members of the Keenan High School girls basketball team clinched the top honors at the state championship title game, held on Friday, March 4, 2022, at the University of South Carolina Aiken Convocation Center; and

Whereas, Keenan High School fans watched as the Raiders fought through the game’s final whistle to best Camden High School by a narrow margin of 60‑58 to bring home the South Carolina Class AAA State Championship title for the third consecutive year; and

Whereas, in the much anticipated matchup between season‑long favorites Keenan and Camden, the final result came down to the final seconds, as Keenan’s Aiyo Prince netted the go‑ahead basket and the Raiders were then forced to successfully defend their lead from a handful of final efforts by the Bulldogs offense in the final eighteen seconds; and

Whereas, led by junior player, MiLaysia Fulwiley, the Keenan High School girls basketball team has now made five straight championship game appearances and has taken home four titles, with three of those coming over the last three consecutive years. Led by players like Fulwiley, who has competed for the title since she was in the seventh grade, the season‑long development of the team has become a collaborative effort with Head Coach Reggie McLain. As the coaching staff has given their players all the tools they need to succeed through many difficult preseason practices, effective plays, and strong guidance when necessary, they can then depend on the wealth of experience their veteran players have accumulated to prove their drive, determination, and will to succeed and overcome their toughest challenges together; and

Whereas, with their incredible rise over the previous five years the Keenan High School girls basketball program has made an indelible mark in the history of Class AAA basketball in this State. Their competition in the coming days as they are moved to Class AA should take notice as this powerhouse of girls basketball looks to make its mark in new and exciting ways; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that the Keenan High School Raiders 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 Keenan High School girls basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and to congratulate them for winning the 2022 AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Vondre’ T. Whaley and Coach Reggie McLain of Keenan High School.

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