**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE WINTHROP UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2014 *VISITMYRTLEBEACH.COM* BIG SOUTH WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, on Sunday, March 9, 2014, the Winthrop University women’s basketball team reached a new level of achievement by defeating number‑one seed High Point 87‑74 in the 2014 *VisitMyrtleBeach.com* Big South Women’s Championship game; and

Whereas, the victory savored of special sweetness to the Lady Eagles because it made school history, giving Winthrop its first‑ever Big South Women’s basketball championship; and

Whereas, Winthrop (24‑8) made the most of its first championship game appearance since 1996, scoring the most points and notching the largest margin of victory in a Big South Championship title contest since 2005. In addition, the Lady Eagles earned their first NCAA Tournament berth with the win and the distinction of becoming the first South Carolina institution ever to claim the Big South title; and

Whereas, led by three‑time Big South Player of the Year Dequesha McClanahan, the all‑time leading scorer in Big South history, the Winthrop team scorched the nets. Dequesha, who took home the Big South Most Valuable Player award from the title game, averaged a team‑high 21.0 ppg during her team’s three tournament wins, which also included triumphs over number‑six seed Coastal Carolina and number‑two seed Liberty, the two‑time defending champion; and

Whereas, she was assisted by fellow all‑tournament team member Erica Williams, who finished with 18 points and eight rebounds at the title game. Samiya Wright added 13 points, and Tiffany Charles scored a dozen points for the victors; and

Whereas, Coach Kevin Cook, who had honed his players into a championship machine, saw the fruits of his labors as the title trophy was hoisted; and

Whereas, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing the players of the Winthrop University women’s 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 Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Winthrop University women’s basketball team for capturing the 2014 *VisitMyrtleBeach.com* Big South Women’s Championship title and honor the team’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Winthrop University women’s basketball team and Coach Kevin Cook of Winthrop University.

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