**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE IRMO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR GARNERING THE 2013 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Irmo High School boys varsity basketball team of Lexington County took top honors at the state competition on March 1, 2013, at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia; and

Whereas, to the wild cheers of their fans, the Irmo Yellow Jackets led by no fewer than 12 points the entire game as they bested the Goose Creek High School Gators in the championship game; and

Whereas, Yellow Jacket senior Justin McKie led his team in scoring with 20 points and posted 10 rebounds while teammate and classmate Detrek Browning contributed 16 points in the 65‑46 championship win, the team’s second in only three years; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands speed, agility, and strength, Head Coach Tim Whipple and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to mold a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will provide guidance for them throughout their lives; and

Whereas, with more than six hundred career wins, Coach Whipple recorded his fifth state championship in the thirty‑two years he has coached the Yellow Jackets and his first perfect record. His best season heretofore was when B. J. McKie led the team in 1995 with a 28‑1 record, and this year the son of that team standout, Justin McKie, led the Yellow Jackets to their only undefeated season in team’s history; and

Whereas, the respect and credit that the Irmo basketball players have brought to their school and their community gratifies the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and they look to hear of the continued accomplishments of these fine athletes 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 Irmo High School boys varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season, and congratulate them for winning the 2013 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Interim Principal Creig Tyler and Coach Tim Whipple.

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