**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2013 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, fully prepared to defend its title, the Dutch Fork High School girls basketball team crowned an undefeated 29‑0 season by capturing the 2013 Class AAAA State Championship title, defeating Dorman 46‑43 at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Friday, March 1, 2013; and

Whereas, jubilant Dutch Fork fans cheered their excitement as the Lady Foxes, playing as a team with one heartbeat, nailed the championship crown; and

Whereas, the road to victory included playoff wins against rival Irmo 57-29, Goose Creek 47-34, Sumter 69-29, and Aiken 40-24; and

Whereas, the championship win wrapped up the first undefeated season for the Silver Foxes, extended their winning streak to forty games, and enabled them to take home their second straight title, the only two state titles in school history; and

Whereas, making a sweet victory even sweeter, nationally recruited center Alaina Coates was named a McDonald’s All‑American selection, was ranked 28th in the nation on the ESPNU HoopGurlz 100, and won a full scholarship to the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Coach Faye Norris, a veteran of two decades of building athletes into all they can be, honed her players into a championship machine and saw the fruits of her labors as the title trophy was hoisted; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing the young women of the Dutch Fork High School girls 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, recognize and commend the Dutch Fork High School girls basketball team for capturing the 2013 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 Principal Greg Owings and Coach Faye Norris of Dutch Fork High School.

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