**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF ON CAPTURING THE 2014 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, well prepared for the challenge, the Pickens High School volleyball team powered its way to the 2014 Class AAA State Championship title, defeating Hilton Head 3‑1 on November 8, 2014; and

Whereas, just days after grabbing the Class AAA Upper State crown, the Pickens Lady Blue Flame wrapped up this back‑to‑back state‑title win and the school’s fifteenth state title in volleyball; and

Whereas, after allowing Hilton Head to build an early lead, the Lady Blue Flame bounced back to take control in games three and four, winning 25‑18 and 25‑16. This team effort earned Coach Jennifer Gravely her sixth state crown in eight trips to Columbia; and

Whereas, Coach Gravely, with grueling practices, hard work, and determination, built her volleyball program into a championship team and plans to keep it that way; and

Whereas, the Pickens High School volleyball team has brought great pride and recognition to its school and community, and the House of Representatives is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such a wonderful group of young women. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Pickens High School volleyball team for its outstanding season and congratulate the team’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff on capturing the 2014 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Marion Lawson and Coach Jennifer Gravely of Pickens High School.

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