**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE JESUS IS LORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014-2015 SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Jesus Is Lord Christian School volleyball team of Chesterfield County took top honors at the state tournament in October 2014; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Jesus Is Lord Lady Saints took their second straight state championship by defeating the Easley Christian School in a five-set match; and

Whereas, with a starting line‑up composed of three eleventh graders, one ninth grader, one eighth grader, and one seventh grader, the Jesus Is Lord Lady Saints volleyball team endured four defeats in season conference play to finish third in a tough rebuilding year; and

Whereas, in the playoffs the Lady Saints won an “at‑large” position behind the first‑ and second‑place teams which received automatic spots in the quarter finals; and

Whereas, in the quarter finals, they faced off against a first‑ranked team, Carolina Christian Academy from Abbeville, and won, advancing to the semi‑finals. In that game, the Lady Saints defeated Carolina Christian School from Lancaster in a hard‑fought, five‑set victory, a team which had bested them twice in season play; and

Whereas, against another number one team in the championship game, Easley Christian, the Lady Saints won the first set in a nail‑biting 26‑24 finish. When they lost the next set in another close score of 23‑25 and took a hard loss of 16‑25 in the third set, they realized each player would have to step up to maintain their title; and

Whereas, although it did not look possible, the Lady Saints believed, “With God, all things are possible, to him who believes,” and set their faces to set, dig, and spike their way to a victory; and

Whereas, Jesus Is Lord kept the fans in suspense in the fourth set with a 25‑23 finish and entered the decisive fifth set, from which they emerged with another state championship in a 15‑13 win; and

Whereas. Lady Saints’ juniors Kristen Kimrey and Bethany Yates were honored as all‑tournament players; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and speed, Head Coach Glenda Kimrey and her assistant coaches, Genesis Harrington and Kenneth Yates, capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to hone a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Jesus Is Lord volleyball players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear 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 Jesus Is Lord Christian School girls varsity volleyball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2014-2015 South Carolina Association of Christian Schools Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Glenda Usher, founder of Jesus is Lord Christian School, and Coach Glenda Kimrey.

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