**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2015 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the Sumter High School boys basketball team finished an outstanding season by capturing the 2015 Class AAAA State Championship title on Friday, March 6, 2015 at the Colonial Life Arena; and

Whereas, to the great delight of their fans, the Gamecocks defeated Hillcrest High School 61‑55, taking home the school’s fourth state championship title, its first since 1985; and

Whereas, with the help of the team’s top scorers, Brandon Parker, Cedric Rembert, and Micah McBride, Sumter put together a nineteen‑point advantage in the first half of the game, leading Hillcrest 39‑25. The team shot seventy‑five percent from the field. They never lost their lead and held off a rally by the Rams late in the game to clinch the victory; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and speed, Head Coach Stephen “Jo Jo” English, assisted by Reynard Jefferson, Jeff Schaffer, Louis Dreher, Richard Hampton, and Patrick Bones, capitalized on their own abilities to hone a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable both on and off the field; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the Sumter High School basketball players have brought to their school and community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize the Sumter High School boys basketball team for an outstanding season and congratulate them on capturing the 2015 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Principal Dana Fall and Head Coach Stephen “Jo Jo” English.

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