**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that members of the Aiken High School volleyball team took top honors at the state competition held at Dutch Fork High School in Irmo on Saturday, November 12, 2016; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their exuberant fans, Aiken’s Lady Green Hornets shut down the Myrtle Beach High School Lady Seahawks in three matches for the best three out of five series to take home the state trophy and finish the season with only three losses; and

Whereas, the Lady Hornets garnered the team’s second state championship under the leadership of Head Coach Malynda Young, repeating their 2010 success and posting an impressive 39‑3‑3 season; and

Whereas, with an aggressive opening and an 11‑2 run in the first match for Aiken, the Lady Hornets tucked away a tidy win in the first match 25‑13; and

Whereas, although the second set was closer, Aiken held the lead throughout the match and took a 25‑17 win over the Seahawks; and

Whereas, in spite of a Myrtle Beach rally in the third set that gave them a 16‑15 lead at one point, the Lady Hornets grappled for a short run to win the state title with a 25‑21 victory in the final match; and

Whereas, in her last game as a Lady Hornet, senior outside hitter Shanice Horn, Region Player of the Year, totaled twenty‑five kills and twelve digs, and teammate Alyssa Frazier recorded ten kills and four blocks from the inside, while Zymbraya Corley had four kills and three blocks; and

Whereas, junior Madie Jones and teammate Maggie West provided outstanding setting and defense for the Fighting Green Hornets; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and speed, Coach Young and her skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to mold a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the court; and

Whereas, members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Aiken volleyball players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued achievements in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Aiken High School varsity volleyball team, coaches, and school officials for a stellar season and congratulate them for winning the 2016 South Carolina Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Garen Cofer and Coach Malynda Young.

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