**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEMINGWAY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Hemingway High School girls varsity basketball team of Williamsburg County took top honors at the state competition at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Saturday, March 2, 2013; and

Whereas, before a veritable blue sea of fans, the Hemingway Lady Tigers shut down the McCormick Lady Chiefs 61‑38 to bring home the team’s first state championship trophy in exactly twenty years; and

Whereas, senior guard for the Lady Tigers De’ja Woodberry and junior guard Iresha Cooper led Hemingway with consistent scoring throughout the game, each accruing fifteen points, while Cooper pulled down eight rebounds; and

Whereas, Hemingway’s senior center Jahshannah Wilson scored seven points and snatched a dozen rebounds from McCormick, and her teammates sophomore forward Diamond McFadden posted eleven points, Kelsey Washington made it into double digits with ten, and Samantha Wilson got on the board with three; and

Whereas, bedecked in Hemingway High School blue, the team’s fans erupted in excitement as the scoreboard announced the Lady Tigers had captured the 2013 state championship, finishing their season with a remarkable 20‑2 record; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands speed, agility, and strength, Head Coach Chakaris Thomas and her skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to forge 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 Hemingway High School basketball 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 Hemingway High School girls varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for an impressive season, and congratulate them for winning the Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Levi Keith II and Coach Chakaris Thomas.

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