**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR ITS SUPERLATIVE SEASON AND TO CELEBRATE THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF FOR CAPTURING THE 2014 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, defeating Hilton Head in four games, the Pickens High School volleyball team claimed the crown at the 2014 Class AAA State Championship title on November 8, 2014; and

Whereas, the Lady Blue Flame, in wrapping up this back‑to‑back state‑title win, also scored the school’s fifteenth state title in volleyball and its sixth under Coach Jennifer Gravely; and

Whereas, after dropping the first match, Pickens settled into its game and wore its opponents down with defense and a relentless pursuit of the ball to take the next three games 26‑24, 25‑18, and 25‑16; 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, making a sweet victory even sweeter, Pickens earned berths on the 2014 1‑AAA All‑Region team for four of its players, Laiken Porterfield, Melodie Broom, Faith Dickard, and Taylor Farmer; and

Whereas, the Pickens High School volleyball team has brought great pride and recognition to its school and community, and the Senate looks with interest to hear of further accomplishments by these talented athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor the Pickens High School volleyball team for its superlative season and celebrate the team’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff for 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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