**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LEWISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Lewisville High School girls volleyball team of Chester County garnered a state championship trophy at the state competition on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at Chapin High School; and

Whereas, to the cheers and jubilation of their fans, the Lewisville Lady Lions captured the team’s first state title by defeating the Branchville High School Lady Yellow Jackets, the defending state champions, 3‑1 in the best three out of four; and

Whereas, in the opening set of the title game, the lead fluctuated back and forth until Branchville took a decisive 25‑16 win over Lewisville; and

Whereas, the Lady Lions recovered in the second game 26‑24 with powerful assistance at the net from junior middle hitter Amber Bass, and with two more wins at 25‑16 and 25‑22, Lewisville successfully denied the Lady Jackets their second straight state championship; and

Whereas, in the school’s first state title in a girls sport in fifteen years, the seven seniors for Lewisville had the experience, maturity, and determination needed to withstand the early onslaught from Branchville and take top honors; and

Whereas, in the 2017 season, the Lady Lions won their first region championship, as well as their first upper state championship, and finished with a 12‑3 season; and

Whereas, Amber Bass was named an All‑State, an All‑Conference, and the 1A Volleyball Player of the Year. Other Lady Lions named as All‑Conference players were Allie Keels, Abby Dixon, Aly Butler, and Lauren Crocker. Allie Keels, Abby Dixon, and Aly Butler were named to the High School Sports Report All‑State Team; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, agility, and speed, Coach Joshua Renaud, in his fourth year as the Lady Lions’ head coach, along with a skillful coaching staff, used his athletic ability and training to mold a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will be useful through life both on and off court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the respect and honor that the Lewisville volleyball players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their future success in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Lewisville High School girls varsity volleyball team for a remarkable season and congratulate them for capturing the 2017 South Carolina Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Tammy Snipes and Coach Joshua Renaud.

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