**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2019 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACH, AND STAFF.

Whereas, fully resolved to make it a “threepeat,” the North Augusta High School girls basketball team crowned an outstanding season by netting the 2019 Class AAAA State Championship title, defeating South Pointe 50‑39 on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Columbia’s Colonial Life Arena; and

Whereas, with the biggest prize in South Carolina high school girls basketball on the line, the Lady Yellow Jackets focused all their knowledge, skill, and determination, took to heart their coach’s exhortations, and came through like the champions they are. The result? Their third straight state crown; and

Whereas, North Augusta has not lost to an in‑state team since losing in the playoffs to Sumter in 2016, a span of fifty‑six games. The Lady Yellow Jackets are a combined 80‑3 for the last three seasons; and

Whereas, this one was decided with a dominant second quarter. North Augusta (26‑2) turned an 11‑5 first‑quarter lead into a 28‑12 lead at the half. It was a 17‑7 run that concluded with the Lady Yellow Jackets scoring the final eight points of the period; and

Whereas, having honed his players into a championship machine, Coach Al Young, in his first year at North Augusta, saw the fruit of his labors as the title trophy was hoisted; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing the young women of the North Augusta High School girls basketball team for leading with excellence, both in the classroom and on the court, and expects to hear of continued great achievements in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the North Augusta High School girls basketball team for capturing the 2019 Class AAAA State Championship title and honor the team’s exceptional players, coach, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal John Murphy and Coach Al Young of North Augusta High School.

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