**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SCHOLARS OF THE LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM, THEIR COACH, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Lake View High School academic challenge team of Dillon County took top honors at the state competition held on the campus of Winthrop University in Rock Hill on Thursday, March 19, 2015; and

Whereas, proudly known as “the home of champions,” Lake View High has garnered nine state trophies for football, eight for baseball, and one each for basketball and softball. This year the school claimed another state championship, this time in academics; and

Whereas, at the Second Annual State Championship of Academics, the Lake View Wild Gators delighted their fans as they defeated Indian Land and Mid‑Carolina high schools to take the state trophy in academics; and

Whereas, the Wild Gator scholars won their match in a nail‑biting finish by being the first team to answer a question correctly in a tie‑breaker round; and

Whereas, from the twenty‑four high schools participating in the Pee Dee region academic challenge season, Lake View High and Wilson High were chosen to represent the Pee Dee, each having won its division at the regional tournament held at Francis Marion University this winter. Six more high school teams competed in the state championship representing the Midlands, Western Piedmont, and Olde English regions; and

Whereas, the members of the Lake View team include seniors Savannah Evans, Staci Humphrey, Noah Pace, and Jordan Williams; sophomores Courtney Dale, Eric Johnson, and Datron Jones; freshmen Michael Jiron and Hunter Cox; and eighth‑grader Daniel Dale II; and

Whereas, beginning in August, the ten academic team students started practicing two or three times a week after school; and

Whereas, in a discipline that demands rigorous study, mental acuity, and confidence, Coach Daniel Dale capitalized on his own academic ability and training to hone a championship team and teach these students lessons that will prove invaluable through life, both in and out of academic pursuits; and

Whereas, the purpose of this event is to celebrate and promote academic achievement the same way athletic development is widely supported, and the competition provides a significant learning experience for the students who participate; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that the Lake View scholars 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 the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the scholars of the Lake View High School academic challenge team, their coach, and school officials and congratulate them for winning the 2015 Division II State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Carlie Edison Arnette, Jr. and Coach Daniel Dale.

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