**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TALAYSIA COOPER FOR HER OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL CAREER IN BASKETBALL AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON SIGNING TO PLAY FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE FALL OF 2022.

Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina is delighted to learn that Talaysia Cooper has committed to the University of South Carolina women’s basketball program; and

Whereas, standing at six feet tall, Talaysia soared through state records for girls’ basketball at East Clarendon High School where she played point guard gaining national notoriety. To honor her exceptional career, East Clarendon has retired her #10 jersey; and

Whereas, Coach Dawn Staley was the first collegiate coach to recognize the benefit a player with Talaysia’s talent could offer a college team, and in 2017 at the end of Talaysia’s eighth grade year, Coach Staley recruited her to play for the Gamecocks. Every year after that, the offers poured in; and

Whereas, for six years, she was a varsity starter at East Clarendon, and by the end of her senior season in 2022, she had amassed 3,184 career points, the third highest total in South Carolina history for girls’ basketball, accruing 1,258 rebounds, 603 assists, 639 steals, and 252 blocks; and

Whereas, for all six years, Talaysia was an All‑Region Selection and an All‑State Selection and the All‑Region Player of the Year. She played for two years on Team Steph Curry Amateur Athletic Union (AAU); and

Whereas, she was named the Morning News Player of the Year in 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, and she ended the final high school season with an average of 28.4 points and 13.6 rebounds per game, 9.2 assists per game, 5.2 steals per game, and 3.6 blocks per game. She was a 2022 McDonald’s All‑American, one of only two South Carolinians selected; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is grateful for the pride and recognition that Talaysia Cooper has brought to her school and to the Palmetto State, and the members look forward to following her career in the days to come as she joins the University of South Carolina women’s basketball team. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Talaysia Cooper for her outstanding high school basketball career and congratulate her upon signing to play for the University of South Carolina in the fall of 2022.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Talaysia Cooper.

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