**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MILITARY MAGNET ACADEMY GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2022 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Military Magnet Academy basketball team of Charleston County won the state title at the state championship held at the University of South Carolina Aiken on March 4, 2022; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their exuberant fans, the Military Magnet Lady Eagles defeated Denmark‑Olar High School 35‑20 to win the team’s second straight state championship and to finish their season with a 27‑4 record; and

Whereas, the Lady Eagles posted a 6‑0 run late in the first quarter to take a lead they would never lose in the championship game, and they led Denmark‑Olar 21‑13 at the half; and

Whereas, Military Magnet forced more than thirty turnovers in the championship match and stopped the Lady Vikings from scoring for all of the third quarter, thanks to a stunning performance from the Eagles’ defensive play in the second half; and

Whereas, after Military Magnet took a 29‑15 lead, the Lady Vikings never got closer than nine points behind until the final scoreboard read 35‑20; and

Whereas, Military Magnet was the first‑ever Charleston County School District (CCSD) girls’ basketball team to make the state finals three seasons in a row, and the last time a girls’ basketball team won back‑to‑back state titles from CCSD was in 1980; and

Whereas, leading the Eagles, Chazmin Bradley posted nine points. Dream Watson and Sabri Mitchell close behind scored eight points each; Jataya Brown scored six and Rykia Jakes and Zanyiah Sanders‑Smith two each. Other teammates on the historic team included Kalein Davis, Ty “Froggy” Ferrell, De’Jamari Pugh, Jada Davis, Da’Nariyah Z. Williams, Morgan Richardson, and Ashanti Ray; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength and **agility**, Head Coach Nathaniel “Danny” Taylor, Jr., and his skilled assistant coaches Courtney Reed, Melvin Cooper, Rebekah Brown, and Sheldon Reid maximized their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes life principals that will endure beyond the court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that the Military Magnet basketball players have brought to their school and their community and look forward to following their continued accomplishments in the days to come. 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 Military Magnet Academy girls varsity basketball team, coaches, and school officials for a remarkable season and congratulate them for winning the 2022 South Carolina Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Robert Perrileau and Coach Nathaniel “Danny” Taylor, Jr.

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