**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Ninety Six High School marching band of Greenwood County took top honors at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) state competition held at Batesburg‑Leesville High School on October 31, 2015; and

Whereas, thrilling their fans, the Ninety Six Wildcat marching band received a superior rating with a score of 87.5 to win all three caption awards at the state competition, including high music, high visual, and high overall effect; and

Whereas, this year’s band of seventy‑two members presented the show entitled The Dark Forest to take home the state trophy; and

Whereas, led by Drum Major Ananda Klugh, Ninety Six captured the band’s seventh consecutive title as the Upper State Class A champions; and

Whereas, the Wildcat marching band is celebrating ten years of being in the top three finalists at state championships among its other numerous awards, which include the 2015 Indoor Winter Ensemble Championship and the 2015 South Carolina Championship for Winter Indoor Percussion; and

Whereas, in a field that demands discipline, precision, and energy, Band Director David N. Vickery and his skilled staff maximized their own musical ability and training to hone a championship team and teach these musicians lessons that will prove valuable throughout life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the respect and recognition that the Ninety Six musicians have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of 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 Ninety Six High School marching band, directors, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2015 Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Rex Ward and Band Director David N. Vickery.

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