**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SENSATIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, both musically and mentally prepared, the Pickens High School marching band bested all other comers at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) state competition, held on Saturday, October 29, 2016; and

Whereas, insisting on disciplined practice, enthusiasm, and focused energy on the part of his musicians, as well as on his own part, Director of Bands Chaz Paxton molded a Class AAA championship marching band that proved unstoppable; and

Whereas, capturing the state title was the climax of an incredible undefeated season in marching band competition for Pickens, a very special season as it produced the school’s first‑ever 3A state championship; and

Whereas, the Blue Flame won the state title with a score of 94.65, the highest score in the school’s history. Pickens’ 101‑member band wowed its judges and audiences alike at every competition this year with its high‑energy program, “Fan the Flame”; and

Whereas, proud of these fine musicians’ commitment and success, the House takes great pleasure in honoring the Pickens High School marching band for taking home the 2016 state championship title. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Pickens High School marching band, band directors, and school officials for a sensational season and congratulate them on winning the 2016 South Carolina Band Directors Association Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Corey Willimon and Director of Bands Chaz Paxton of Pickens High School.

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