**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR LAUDABLE WORK AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE FINALS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to hear that the members of the Ninety Six High School marching band of Greenwood County once again took top honors at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) state finals held at Batesburg‑Leesville High School on October 29, 2016; and

Whereas, to the excitement of their fans, the Ninety Six Wildcat marching band received a superior rating with an impressive score of 92.05. Additionally, they secured two caption awards at the state competition, including high music and high visual; and

Whereas, the band of seventy‑nine dedicated members and eight directors and staff presented the show Heartless to impress the judges and bring home the state trophy for the second year in a row; and

Whereas, the Wildcats effectively secured the band’s eighth consecutive title as the Upper State Class A champions. The band is also able to boast eleven years of being among the top three finalists at the state championships; and

Whereas, in a field that demands accuracy, vitality, enthusiasm, and discipline, Band Director David N. Vickery and his skilled staff capitalized on their own musical prowess and training to create a championship‑caliber team and coach these musicians in lessons that will prove beneficial throughout life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate value the prestige and renown that the musicians of Ninety Six High have brought to their school and community and look forward to hearing of their future accomplishments. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend the Ninety Six High School marching band, directors, and school officials for laudable work and congratulate them for winning the 2016 South Carolina Band Directors Association Class A State Finals.

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

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