**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND AND APPLAUD THE NATION FORD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXEMPLARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that the members of the Nation Ford High School marching band of York County took top honors at the state competition held at Spring Valley High School in Columbia on Saturday, October 28, 2017; and

Whereas, the Nation Ford Falcons defeated all other marching bands at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) state competition to bring home the band’s seventh state trophy; and

Whereas, the Falcons accrued 95.55 points in the competition, and they swept the caption awards for Best Music, Best Visual, and Best Overall Effect; and

Whereas, in addition to their stellar win at the state competition, the marching band performed at the 2017 Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, showcasing their talents to the nation; and

Whereas, in a field that demands persistence, precision, vivacity, and aptitude, Director of Bands Martin Dickey maximized his own knowledge and passion to produce a championship team and impart lessons that will prove instrumental throughout the lives of these musicians; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the prestige and respect that the Nation Ford 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, commend and applaud the Nation Ford High School marching band, band directors, and school officials for an exemplary season and congratulate them on winning the 2017 South Carolina Band Directors Association Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jason Johns and Director of Bands Martin Dickey.

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