**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE OPEN GUARD OF THE SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL COLOR GUARD FOR CAPTURING THE 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM ON ANOTHER SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the open guard of the Summerville High School color guard, continuing its long history of exceptional performance, has won the 2012 South Carolina Band Directors Association State Championship title; and

Whereas, the long‑term commitment of this fine team is legendary in Summerville. Expertly directed by Mr. Benjamin Hipp, the open guard serves tenth‑ through twelfth‑grade students at Summerville High. The average team member has been a member of the color guard for at least four years and began participation as a seventh‑ or eighth‑grade student in the cadet program; and

Whereas, since 2001, the Summerville open guard has won every state contest it has attended, including its recent win at the 2012 championship; and

Whereas, however, the open guard never stops with only the state championship. This year, team members brought home several additional titles, including Premiere South Champions, Winter Guard International Atlanta Regional Bronze Medalists, and Carolina Winter Ensembles Association Gold Medalists; and

Whereas, the students comprising this year’s winning team are Alex Armock, Hailey Binnall, Corrina Brown, Emily Gale, DiNea Green, Kaylee King, Mackenzie Lewis, LeeEllen Lilly, Micalah Locke, Audrianna McGowan, Jessica Tesney, and Kayla Traver; and

Whereas, grateful for the team’s admirable example, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing the Summerville High School open guard on winning the 2012 South Carolina Band Directors Association State Championship title. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the open guard of the Summerville High School color guard for capturing the 2012 South Carolina Band Directors Association State Championship title and congratulate the team on another superlative season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Benjamin Hipp, Summerville High School color guard director.

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