**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTOR, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Fort Mill High School marching band of York County took top honors at the state competition on Saturday, October 27, 2012; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Fort Mill High School marching band brought home its twenty‑third state championship trophy with a score of 95.45, the first state win for Fort Mill High since 2009; and

Whereas, the final score is based on the cumulative scores for the performance of the color guard, visual ensemble, music ensemble, visual individual, music individual, drum line, drum major, and overall effect; and

Whereas, in the band’s first year competing in the larger Class AAAA division, Drum Major Sawyer Bengtson led the Fort Mill band to translate their tension before the performance into musical energy that swept the competition; and

Whereas, these award‑winning musicians have been honored with an invitation to march in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland, and they are anxiously preparing to make the trip; and

Whereas, in a field that demands discipline, drilling, and energy, Director of Bands John Pruitt and his skilled staff capitalized on their own musical talent and training to build a championship band and teach these musicians lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the field of competition; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the recognition that the musicians of the Fort Mill High School marching band have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. 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 Fort Mill High School marching band, band director, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal M. Dee Christopher and Director of Bands John Pruitt.

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