**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE STROM THURMOND HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND FOR A SPECTACULAR PERFORMING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE BAND AND ITS DIRECTORS FOR CAPTURING THE 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (SCBDA) CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Strom Thurmond High School marching band took top honors at the state SCBDA competition on October 27, 2012; and

Whereas, as exultant Fighting Rebel fans looked on, their marching band packed up the first state championship trophy garnered in Strom Thurmond High’s history, making the win an especially sweet one; and

Whereas, ready for the challenge, the Strom Thurmond High School Rebel Regiment Marching Band, as it is officially known, headed into its state win with the 2012 Class AA Lower State Championship title already safely sent home; and

Whereas, the band played its competition show, Double Agent, for a packed stadium and a panel of six highly qualified judges from across the country. Performing in wind gusts of thirty‑five miles per hour at Spring Valley High School while parents held props in place, band members displayed the poise and musical excellence that had been solidly trained into them; and

Whereas, the continuous support of school administration, the Strom Thurmond Band Booster Club, and dedicated band parents enabled the Fighting Rebels to march to victory at the 2012 state competition; and

Whereas, in an arena that demands discipline, practice, and energy, Director of Bands Van J. Clark and his skilled staff used their own musical ability and training to forge a championship marching band and teach their students invaluable lessons applicable to life both on and off the marching field; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the pride and recognition the Strom Thurmond High School marching band has brought to its school and community, and the members look forward to hearing of the continued accomplishments of these fine young musicians 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 Strom Thurmond High School marching band for a spectacular performing season, and congratulate the band and its directors for capturing the 2012 South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Jill W. Jett and Director of Bands Van J. Clark.

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