**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL WINTER GUARD, ITS INSTRUCTOR, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION REGIONAL A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Pickens High School winter guard took top honors at the state competition on March 23, 2013; and

Whereas, winter guard, the indoor performing [color guard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Color_guard_(flag_spinning)) activity, at Pickens High competes through two governing associations, the Carolina Indoor Performance Association (CIPA) and the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA); and

Whereas, this season the Pickens winter guard participated in the CIPA Dorman qualifier on February 2, the CIPA T. L. Hanna on February 16, and the SCBDA Winter Guard Championship that conferred Pickens High School’s first state championship trophy on any band program in the school’s history; and

Whereas, in a field that demands the use of colorful patterns and intricate drills and body movement, these performers used movement training and equipment skills on flags to create award‑winning effects through tireless practices and drills from November through March; and

Whereas, Color Guard Instructor Ryan Durham, a graduate of Easley High School and Clemson University performed with the Clemson Tiger’s winter guard and capitalized on his own ability and training to hone the Pickens Blue Flame program into a championship team and teach these performers lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life; and

Whereas, a combination of eighth through twelfth graders, the Pickens High School winter guard members include Lexie Ashe, Megan Brady, Emilee Clark, Rayna Cobun, Hailey Fancella, Allison Gardner, Bryanna Garrick, Brandon Hendrix, Shayla Lance, Katie Littleton, Darra Long, Sarah Long, Kayla Nix, Katelyn O’Connor, Chelsea Raxter, and Allison Simms; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the recognition that the members of the Pickens High School winter guard 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 Pickens High School winter guard, its instructor, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the South Carolina Band Directors Association Regional A State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Marion Lawson and Color Guard Instructor Ryan Durham.

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