A HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE THE GAFFNEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF GOLD FOR AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMING SEASON AND TO WISH THEM SUCCESS AS THEY TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TO REPRESENT SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE 2014 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Gaffney High School Band of Gold has been invited to perform at the National Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2014; and

Whereas, the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. pays tribute to the pride, sacrifice, and service of America’s veterans. Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, has a history stretching back to the Civil War and serves as an important reminder of those who died in the service of their country; and

Whereas, one hundred fourteen members strong, the Gaffney High School Band of Gold was nominated for the present honor by U.S. Congressman Mick Mulvaney and will represent the entire State of South Carolina in performing for the crowd of two hundred fifty thousand viewers lining the parade route in our nation’s capital. In addition, the parade will be televised in more than eighty million homes across the country and will have live coverage to service members around the world via the Pentagon Channel; and

Whereas, this major parade event is the latest in a series of achievements for the band this year. Among other recognitions, the band was named grand champion at a Shelby High School marching band competition. Gaffney returned home with several first‑place trophies and a cash award of five hundred dollars for its performance of this year’s show, *Un Noche En Espana*, which means “A Night in Spain”; and

Whereas, in a field that demands discipline, practice, and stamina, Director Billy Asis of the Gaffney High School Band of Gold capitalized on his own musical talent and training to build an outstanding band program and teach these students lessons that will stand them in good stead throughout their lives; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the pride and recognition that the Gaffney High School Band of Gold has brought to its school and community. The members look to hear of the band’s continued success 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, congratulate the Gaffney High School Band of Gold for an outstanding performing season and wish them success as they travel to Washington, D.C., to represent South Carolina in the 2014 National Memorial Day Parade.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Raashad Fitzpatrick, principal, and Billy Asis, band director, of Gaffney High School.

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