**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PELION HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THESE FINE MUSICIANS ON WINNING THE 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that the Pelion High School marching band captured its first South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) Class AA State Championship title on Saturday, October 31, 2015, at Spring Valley High School; and

Whereas, in an activity that requires skill, discipline, precision, and teamwork, the Pelion Marching Pride won all captions for music, marching, and effect with a superior rating against the top fourteen Class AA marching bands in South Carolina; and

Whereas, prior to the state competition, the Pelion Marching Pride successfully defended its status as 2014 Lower State champ by taking home the 2015 SCBDA Class AA Lower State Championship title; and

Whereas, Director of Bands Otto Hage and his staff, Philip Loftis, Kayla Fralix, Lindsey Fallaw, Zach Kanipe, Brooke Tolbert, Christian Kiser, David Holcomb, and Dr. David Stephenson, who together molded these students into excellent musicians and taught them the values of perseverance, teamwork, dedication, and hope, were not surprised to see the Marching Pride finish on top because these students had sacrificed and committed themselves to the common goal of success; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in commending the Pelion High School Panther Marching Pride for its successful season and state championship, and the members expect to hear of the band’s further accomplishments in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Pelion High School marching band for its outstanding season and congratulate these fine musicians on winning the 2015 South Carolina Band Directors Association Class AA state championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Clark Cooper and Director of Bands Otto Hage of Pelion High School.

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