**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE CHESTERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2014 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, both musically and mentally prepared, the Chesterfield High School marching band took top honors at the South Carolina Band Directors Association state competition, held at Batesburg‑Leesville High School on Saturday, October 25, 2014; and

Whereas, with only twenty‑eight members, the Marching PRIDE was the smallest group in the title competition. These musicians proved that small numbers are no hindrance to championship performance when they won all three major judging areas, music, marching, and overall effect; and

Whereas, the secret to the Marching PRIDE’s success is one any team can profit from. As Band Director Steve McGinnis explains it, “We have preached hard work all season, and the goal was never to win a state title, but to outwork everyone else. I also have to mention the never‑ending support from the band boosters, the community at large, and the administration at Chesterfield High”; and

Whereas, in a field that demands discipline, practice, and focused energy, Band Director Steve McGinnis, with assistance from Associate Director Bryce Benning and Color Guard Instructor Dalen Kirby, capitalized on his own musical ability and training to mold a championship marching band and teach these musicians lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life, both on and off the field of competition; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is grateful for the pride and recognition the Chesterfield High School marching band has brought to its school and community and looks to hear of the band’s continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, salute the Chesterfield High School marching band, band directors, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them on winning the 2014 South Carolina Band Directors Association Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Scott Radkin and Band Director Steve McGinnis.

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