**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A DAZZLING PERFORMING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2015 CLASS AAA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Chapin High School marching band of Lexington County paraded their way to the top honors at the 2015 South Carolina Band Directors Association State Championship finals held at Batesburg‑Leesville High School on October 31, 2015; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their delighted fans, Chapin High School’s marching band earned its second consecutive Class AAA state championship title by outperforming twelve other bands from the AAA division across the State; and

Whereas, after winning the Class AAA Lower State Championship on October 24, 2015, the Chapin band, known as the Pride of the Midlands, met the best bands from the other regions of the Palmetto State to compete for the state trophy at the Band Directors Association State Championship finals; and

Whereas, Chapin scored an overall 90.975 in its performance entitled “The Silk Road” by focusing more on the performance than on the competition and garnered Chapin’s third marching band title in four years; and

Whereas, Chapin has demonstrated a tradition of excellence as the competitions grow stronger and stronger every year; and

Whereas, Band Director Kevin Hebert, the Lexington‑Richland School District Five 2015‑2016 Teacher of the Year, joined with his talented staff to maximize their musical ability and marching band training in order to forge a championship band while teaching these musicians discipline that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the field of competition; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the distinction and honor that the Pride of the Midlands has brought to Chapin High School and its community and look to hear of the marching band’s future success in the days to come. 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 commend the Chapin High School marching band, band directors, and school officials for a dazzling performing season and congratulate them for capturing the 2015 Class AAA Band Directors Association State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Akil Ross, Chapin High School principal, and Band Director Kevin Hebert.

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