**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE JAMES F. BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SENSATIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, both musically and mentally prepared, the James F. Byrnes High School marching band bested all other comers at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) state competition, held on Saturday, November 5, 2016, at Irmo High School’s W.C. Hawkins Stadium; and

Whereas, insisting on disciplined practice, enthusiasm, and focused energy on the part of their musicians, as well as on their own part, Director of Bands Bryan Bone and Associate Director Gary Rhoden molded a Class AAAAA championship marching band that proved unstoppable; and

Whereas, following the preliminary competition, Byrnes had secured the SCBDA Upper State championship for the fourth consecutive year, as well as the eighteenth Upper State championship overall; and

Whereas, to win the title contest, the Rebel Regiment, more than two hundred thirty members strong, topped thirteen other high school marching bands from across the State. The band then traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, to compete in the Bands of America Grand Nationals Competition, placing twenty‑fourth out of one hundred marching bands from across the country; and

Whereas, proud of these fine musicians’ commitment and success, the House takes great pleasure in honoring the Byrnes High School marching band for taking home the 2016 state championship title. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the James F. Byrnes High School marching band, band directors, and school officials for a sensational season and congratulate them on winning the 2016 South Carolina Band Directors Association Class AAAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Todd Hardy and Director of Bands Bryan Bone of James F. Byrnes High School.

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