**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND JAMES RODDY, DRUM MAJOR OF THE EASLEY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR HIS SELECTION TO THE PRESTIGIOUS 2017 UNITED STATES ARMY ALL‑AMERICAN MARCHING BAND.

Whereas, members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that James Roddy, a senior at Easley High School, was chosen to participate in the 2017 United States Army All‑American Marching Band (USAAAMB); and

Whereas, one of two students chosen to represent South Carolina in this impressive event and the only musician, James Roddy plays the French horn and was selected to be an upper mellophone player in the 2017 USAAAMB; and

Whereas, the United States Army All‑American Bowl, produced by All-American Games, is the premier high school football game in the nation and features the nation’s top high school senior football players and marching musicians; and

Whereas, only one hundred twenty‑five students are selected from across the nation to participate in the USAAAMB, each of whom receives an all‑expenses‑paid trip to San Antonio, Texas, to march in the halftime performance of the All‑American Bowl held at the Alamodome; and

Whereas, the only free all‑star program in the country, the USAAAMB provides an unforgettable experience for students and teaches valuable skills of leadership, teamwork, and critical thinking; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the pride and recognition that James Roddy has brought to his school and his community, and the members thank him for representing our great State in the celebrated United States Army All‑American Bowl halftime performance. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend James Roddy, drum major of the Easley High School marching band, and congratulate him for his selection to the prestigious 2017 United States Army All‑American Marching Band.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Drum Major James Roddy.

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