**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SENSATIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2017 AAA STATE MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, Chapin High School’s “Pride of the Midlands” marching band topped fifteen of the top programs in South Carolina to clinch the 2017 AAA State Marching Band Championship held on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at Batesburg‑Leesville High School; and

Whereas, Chapin High’s director of bands Kevin Hebert says the greatest success of the season was “in teaching the students about persistence. This has been the hardest working and most improved group of students I have ever taught. Each week the students continued to make improvements on their show, even down to the very last day.” This is evidenced in the fact that the Eagles grasped the state title after having fallen to Irmo High School in the Lower State Championships in a competition Chapin hosted for the first time; and

Whereas, junior woodwind captain Danielle Goater exhibited the attitude of the team when she explained, “This championship is not all about the title, or the win. It means work and improvement. Over the season, we never thought we would get this far or win. This championship shows that we can accomplish whatever we put our minds to”; and

Whereas, proud of these fine musicians’ commitment and success, the Senate takes great pleasure in honoring the Chapin High School marching band for taking home the 2017 state championship title. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, salute the Chapin High School marching band, band directors, and school officials for a sensational season and congratulate them on winning the 2017 AAA State Marching Band Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Akil E. Ross and Director of Bands Kevin Hebert.

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