**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE EASLEY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SENSATIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, many months and hundreds of work hours ago, a group of one hundred thirteen band students (forty of whom were rookies), eleven directors/staff members, eight designers/choreographers, and an amazingly dedicated group of parents set off on what was evident from the beginning: a historic season. During band camp, staff members felt that their eager band students were truly energizing the program. Resulting staff predictions of unprecedented success indeed came to pass, culminating in Easley’s state title win; and

Whereas, Easley’s seven‑minute championship production, *A Place of Peace*, showed everyone’s battle with “busyness” and chaos and the need to find one’s peace in life. The imagery was set in a Japanese prayer garden with traditional Japanese bridges, a pagoda, cherry blossom trees, and symbols of harmony, peace, and strength; and

Whereas, the Easley High School Marching Band captured the 2018 Upper State Championship title with a score of 90.65 on October 20, 2018. The group then advanced to the state finals, where Easley took home the South Carolina Band Directors Association 4A State Marching Band Championship with a score of 91.1, tying for high overall effect. This is only the fourth upper state title in the school’s history and its very first state title; and

Whereas, using their own considerable musical skills and training, Director of Bands Rick Langdale, Jr., and his able assistant directors and staff forged a winning band program and taught these young musicians important lessons that will serve them well beyond the marching field; and

Whereas, proud of these fine musicians’ commitment and success, the House takes great pleasure in honoring the Easley High School marching band for capturing the 2018 state 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 Easley High School marching band, band directors, and school officials for a sensational season and congratulate them on winning the 2018 South Carolina Band Directors Association Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Gary Culler and Director of Bands Rick Langdale, Jr., of Easley High School.

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