**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE PICKENS 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 AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, having prepared themselves for success, the Pickens High School Marching Band outplayed all comers to capture the 2018 South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) Class AAA State crown; and

Whereas, entitled *To B or Not to B*, the band’s show featured the music of Bach, Beethoven, Barber, Bartok, and the Beatles; and

Whereas, after many hours of dedicated, disciplined rehearsal, on September 29, 2018, these musicians placed first in class and second overall at the C. Phillip McIntyre Tournament of Bands at James F. Byrnes High School, winning high music and high color guard. They placed second overall on October 13 at the Pride of Pendleton Marching Classic, held at Pendleton High School, where they won high music, high overall effect, and high percussion. On October 20, they won the SCBDA AAA Upper State Championship with a score of 86.35. Then, the crowning achievement: On October 27, Pickens marched off the field with the SCBDA AAA State Championship with a score of 94.3, winning high music, high visual, and high overall effect; and

Whereas, using his own considerable musical skills and training, Director of Bands and SCBDA President‑elect Chaz Paxton, with the able assistance of his fine 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 young musicians’ commitment and success, the House takes great pleasure in honoring the Pickens 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 Pickens 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 AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Corey Willimon and Director of Bands Chaz Paxton of Pickens High School.

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