**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE WANDO HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTOR, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SENSATIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON ONCE AGAIN BECOMING A 2018 BANDS OF AMERICA GRAND NATIONAL FINALIST.

Whereas, having prepared for success, the members of the nationally renowned Wando High School marching band again proved themselves national contenders at the 2018 Bands of America (BOA) Grand National. In the finals of this prestigious competition, Wando finished at sixth place overall; and

Whereas, by the time the musicians had claimed their newest award, Wando fans were already making plans to return next year to see their marching band repeat the feat; and

Whereas, Wando, continuing its tradition of excellence, has placed as a BOA Grand National finalist four times and, in addition, has captured the South Carolina Class AAAAA State Band Championship title eleven times since 2005; and

Whereas, this musical powerhouse includes in its repertoire, among other selections, music from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the 1952 film starring Gregory Peck; and

Whereas, Wando also competed at the 2018 Carolina Regional and 2018 Powder Springs Regional and was named grand champion at both events; and

Whereas, using his own considerable musical skills and training, Bands of Wando Director Bobby Lambert 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 their commitment and success, the House takes great pleasure in honoring the members of the Wando High School marching band on their latest achievement at the BOA Grand National. 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 Wando High School marching band, band director, and school officials for a sensational season and congratulate them on once again becoming a 2018 Bands of America Grand National finalist.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Sherry M. Eppelsheimer and Bands of Wando Director Bobby Lambert.

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