**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE NINETY SIX 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 A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, having prepared themselves for success, on October 27, 2018, the Ninety Six High School marching band outplayed all comers to capture the 2018 South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) Class A State crown; and

Whereas, after many hours of dedicated, disciplined rehearsal, the Wildcats marched off the field of competition with top honors for the fourth straight year. A week earlier, they had earned their tenth consecutive trophy as SCBDA Upper State champions; and

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

Whereas, using his own considerable musical skills and training, Band Director David Vickery, with the able assistance of his fine staff and volunteers, forged a winning band program and taught these young musicians important lessons that will serve them well beyond the marching field; and

Whereas, the program this year, entitled *Money*, featured a young street performer in search of riches who discovers a money tree, loses it all, and then finds that life really is about things money can’t buy. The award‑winning show provided great entertainment at each contest the band attended. This year, the Wildcats competed as the only 1A school in their first‑ever Band of America competition, which brings in schools from all over South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. This opportunity allowed the band to give an exhibition performance in front of an audience of about four thousand people. Thunderous applause and a standing ovation rewarded their superb performance; and

Whereas, proud of these young musicians’ commitment and success, the Senate takes great pleasure in honoring the Ninety Six High School marching band for capturing the 2018 state title. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, salute the Ninety Six 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 A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Darin Rice and Band Director David Vickery of Ninety Six High School.

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