**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL’S VARSITY COLOR GUARD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR PLACING IN THE TOP TWENTY OVERALL IN THE WORLD AT THE COLOR GUARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to recognize Lexington High School’s Varsity Color Guard for placing in the top twenty overall in the world at the Color Guard World Championships in April of 2022; and

Whereas, the Color Guard World Championships were hosted by the Winter Guard International (WGI) Sport of the Arts in Dayton, Ohio. Lexington High School’s Varsity Color Guard members performed their show “Opa!” and qualified for finals, an historic event no other color guard in the Midlands had ever achieved; and

Whereas, the Lexington team placed in the top twenty out of ninety-eight schools competing within the Scholastic A Division; and

Whereas, Lexington High School’s Varsity Color Guard has flourished under the leadership and guidance of the team’s coaches, Director Ariel Cardenas, and technicians Courtney Berry, Jordan Coleman, and Julia Wakser. The team also received support from Lexington School District One, Lexington High School Director of Bands Aaron Gantt, and many family members and friends; and

Whereas, Lexington team gave a lively performance that quickly became a fan favorite across the competition. WGI stated that their show was “full of fun, energy, and expression. Overdramatized emotions and sound effects made this show incredibly entertaining.” Highlights of the show, set to a version of Zorba’s Dance, include difficult choreography, blending Greek dancing styles, rifle and saber work, chair props, and a dramatic ending filled with celebratory rose petals; and

Whereas, members of the Lexington High School Color Guard include Seniors Emma Baxley, Mikayla Cherry, Jarrett Rampley, and Kathleen Wyverson, as well as Katie Burgess, Michael Boswell, Kate Pierce, Rachel Sellers, Sean Soto, Mackenzie Specht, Sophia Stoner, Hailey Stahl, and Charlie Winston; and

Whereas, founded in 1977, WGI Sport of the Arts is the world’s premier organization producing indoor color guard, percussion, and winds competitions. A non‑profit youth organization, WGI also serves as the governing body for the indoor color guard, percussion, and winds activities; and

Whereas, even with over forty years of history, the sport continues to evolve and grow. There are more than thirty thousand participants at the regional level, and more than sixteen thousand participants at the Sport of the Arts World Championships; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that Lexington High School’s Varsity Color Guard has brought to its school and community and look forward to a future filled with further accomplishments by the team and its talented athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Lexington High School’s Varsity Color Guard, coaches, and school officials on an outstanding season and honor them for placing in the top twenty overall in the world at the Color Guard World Championships.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lexington High School’s Varsity Color Guard, the team’s coaches, and the school’s principal.

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