**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE BATESBURG‑LEESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTOR, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SENSATIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2021 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021.

Whereas, after having spent a significant amount of time preparing for the rigors of competition at the highest level, on Saturday, October 30, 2021, the Batesburg‑Leesville High School marching band captured the 2021 South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) Class A State title; and

Whereas, the twenty‑eight members of the marching band dedicated an uncountable number of hours in the pursuit of perfection as they executed their show, “For The Crown,” to the highest possible level at each competition throughout the season; and

Whereas, unafraid of their opposition, the Panthers competed in Class A at the White Knoll Silver Invitational, the Irmo Esprit de Corps Invitational, the River Bluff Swamp Class, the SCBDA Class A Lower State Championships, and the SCBDA Class A State Finals. At each competition, the Panthers proved to both themselves and onlookers that they were the superior band on the field by earning first place finishes through a well‑performed unique musical performance that captured the spirit of chess; and

Whereas, having taken the time to develop the core fundamentals of each musician and preparing a show which capitalized on the strengths present in each member, Band Director Joshua Brown, with the assistance of Mr. Glen Funderburk, has laid a foundation in which the Panthers can continue to thrive and perform at a high caliber in the seasons to come; and

Whereas, proud of the commitment and success of the young musicians of Batesburg‑Leesville High School, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in honoring the pride and recognition that the members of the marching band have earned for their school and their community and look forward to hearing of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. 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 Batesburg‑Leesville High School marching band, band director, and school officials for a sensational season and congratulate them on winning the 2021 South Carolina Band Directors Association Class A State Championship title on Saturday October 30, 2021.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Sonya Bryant and Band Director Joshua Brown of Batesburg‑Leesville High School.

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