**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR ADMIRABLE WORK AND TO APPLAUD THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE FINALS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to hear that the members of the Ninety Six High School marching band of Greenwood County took top honors at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) state finals held at Batesburg‑Leesville High School on October 28, 2017 for the third consecutive year; and

Whereas, the Ninety Six Wildcat marching band received a superior rating with a remarkable score of 94.5, winning all three caption awards including High Music, High Visual, and High Overall Effect; and

Whereas, the band of seventy‑eight committed members and seven directors and staff showcased their hard work in the performance entitled Wild Wild West and brought home the state trophy for the third year in a row and the eleventh year of being in the top three finalists at the competition; and

Whereas, in a field that demands precision, vivacity, fervor, and discipline, Band Director David N. Vickery and his skilled staff capitalized on their own musical prowess and training to create a championship team and coach these musicians in lessons that will prove beneficial throughout life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the respect and notoriety that the musicians of Ninety Six High have brought to their school and community and look forward to hearing of their future accomplishments. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, by this resolution, commend the Ninety Six High School marching band, directors, and school officials for admirable work and applaud them for winning the 2017 South Carolina Band Directors Association Class A State Finals.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Superintendent Dr. Rex Ward, Principal Darin Rice, and Band Director David N. Vickery.

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