**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE THE WEST FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS BAND UPON ITS INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW YEAR’S DAY PARADE IN LONDON IN 2012.

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased to learn that the West Florence High School Knights Band has been invited to participate in the City of London’s annual New Year’s Day Parade in 2012; and

Whereas, an invitation is required for bands outside of London to participate in the event, one of the biggest of its kind in the world featuring 10,000 performers and a street‑side audience of half a million people; and

Whereas, West Florence Band Director Steve Rummage forwarded a video of the band to the Lord Mayor and parade officials in London and soon after received an official invitation to perform; and

Whereas, marching bands are rarely seen in England and many of the marching bands from last year were from rural communities in North Carolina, Virginia, and Michigan; and

Whereas, after Mr. Rummage received an invitation to bring the Knights to London, the school and students received a visit from the Lord Mayor of London and parade officials to formally invite the band to participate in the city’s annual New Year’s Day Parade; and

Whereas, the students’ fundraising efforts to attend the event have included yard work, selling candy, babysitting, and saving pennies to make a trip many of them would only be able to make once in a lifetime; and

Whereas, the band is composed of 83 members and has received numerous Superior and Excellent Ratings in Marching Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band; and

Whereas, Steve Rummage and Alonzo Davis are Directors, Chelsea Hunter is Drum Major, Andrew Meixsell is Band President, and Will Lane is Band Vice President; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the members of the Senate to pause in their deliberations to publicly recognize and commend the West Florence High School Knights Band for this truly deserved accomplishment. Now, therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, honor and congratulate the West Florence High School Knights Band upon its invitation to participate in the New Year’s Day Parade in London in 2012.

Be it further resolved that the members of the Senate encourage the citizens of Florence to donate to these fine students’ fundraising efforts.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the West Florence High School Knights Band.

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