**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE STROM THURMOND HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SPECTACULAR PERFORMING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION 2A MARCHING BAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the Strom Thurmond High School Rebel Regiment marching band took top honors at the state competition on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Spring Valley High School; and

Whereas, the marching band earned the honor to compete in this prestigious event after being named the South Carolina Band Directors Association 2A Lower State runner‑up. The Rebel Regiment competed against fifteen other 2A bands from around the state and received a final score of 91.3, earning caption awards for high overall effect, high music, and high visual; and

Whereas, the Rebel Regiment’s 2017 program was entitled “Lunar” and featured “Mars” by Gustav Holst, “Space Oddity” by David Bowie, “Moondance” by Van Morrison, “Moonlight Sonata” by Ludwig van Beethoven, “Brain Damage” by Pink Floyd, and “Enterprising Young Men” by Michael Giacchino; and

Whereas, the 2017 design team was comprised of Jeff Fackler, John Fannin, Matthew Smith, Jason Frith, Kevin Piner, and Justin Craig. The Rebel Regiment Directors were Justin Craig, Candance Craig, Zach Dobbs, and Angelyn Dorn. The 2017 instructional staff included Tevin Middleton, Josh Hobbs, Adrianna Leon, and Kevin Piner for the guard caption and Jason Frith, Brian Turner, and Avery Wise for the percussion caption; and

Whereas, Band Director Justin Craig has served as a band instructor at Strom Thurmond High School for thirteen years. In October, he received a Golden Apple Award sponsored by Augusta’s WJBF news channel; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the pride and recognition that the Strom Thurmond High School marching band members have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize the Strom Thurmond High School marching band, directors, and school officials for a spectacular performing season and congratulate them on winning the South Carolina Band Directors Association 2A Marching Band State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Strom Thurmond High School marching band and Band Director Justin Craig.

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