**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND BAND DIRECTORS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, no strangers to capturing the top prize, the members of the Ninety Six High School marching band showed their championship form once again and earned the pleasure of hoisting their fifth consecutive trophy as winners of the South Carolina Band Directors Association Class A state crown; and

Whereas, rain couldn’t keep the Ninety Six marching band from victory on Saturday, October 26, 2019, which saw the reigning champions vying for their fifth state trophy at Chapin High School; and

Whereas, because of the rain, the competition was moved indoors, a setting that poses a challenge for a marching band since it limits how much players can move and the size of props they can bring into the gymnasium. Despite these restrictions, the band was able to tell its story through its performance. It helped that the school’s music program sponsors an indoor percussion ensemble, which has given the players significant experience in performing indoors; and

Whereas, the band’s 2019 show, “The Brain,” is about balancing the two sides of the human mind to create something spectacular. The Wildcat players succeeded in reaching their goal because, despite changes in the band’s roster as new members join each year, Ninety Six High has cultivated a tradition of excellence that pushes its musicians through each competition and brings home the victory; and

Whereas, Director of Bands David Vickery and his exceptional staff and volunteers made sure the players did not forget this important principle: The necessary hard work that leads to a state trophy must be done all over again every year if you want to keep winning. These young Wildcat musicians did not let Director Vickery down; and

Whereas, the Senate, looking forward to hearing of more proud moments for the Ninety Six High School marching band, delights in paying tribute to this consistently excellent musical ensemble for taking home the 2019 state title. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, celebrate the Ninety Six High School marching band and band directors on an outstanding season and applaud them on capturing the 2019 South Carolina Band Directors Association Class A State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Darin Rice and Director of Bands David Vickery of Ninety Six High School.

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