**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, DIRECTOR OF BANDS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Pendleton High School marching band of Anderson County took top honors at the state competition held at Spring Valley High School in Columbia on Saturday, October 27, 2018; and

Whereas, to the absolute delight of their exuberant fans, the Pendleton marching band, known as the Pride of Pendleton, triumphed to win the state title among a competitive field of sixteen high school marching bands with an impressive score of 89.3; and

Whereas, in a display of their dedication to music, the Pride of Pendleton was able to bring home the gold under the leadership of Drum Major Brady Martin and seniors Emma Buchanan, Bradlee Hanks, Elizabeth Spake, Jayda Worden, Breanna Allen, Seth Gurley, and Tyler Frank; and

Whereas, the Pride of Pendleton entered the 2018 state competition with fifteen upper-state titles since 1999 and added first‑place trophies for music, visual, and effect as the band marched to its fifth state championship since 2004; and

Whereas, entitled “FLY,” the band’s show for 2018 featured “One Day I’ll Fly Away” from Moulin Rouge, “1000 Airplanes on the Roof” by Philip Glass, “Birdland” by Weather Report, and an all‑time‑favorite “Somewhere over the Rainbow”; and

Whereas, the Pendleton marching band gives students an opportunity to learn music and music performance while providing a setting in which they can work together as a team to compete on a local, state, and national level; and

Whereas, in a field that requires discipline, long practices, and energy, Band Director Chris Moss and his skilled assistants capitalized on their own talent and training to hone a championship‑caliber team and teach these musicians lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the field; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the gratification and recognition that the Pride of Pendleton marching musicians have brought to their school and their community, and the members look to hear of their continued achievements 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, recognize and honor the Pendleton High School marching band, band directors, and school officials for an extraordinary season and congratulate them for winning the 2018 South Carolina Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Brian Couch and Director of Bands Chris Moss.

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