**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND BAND DIRECTORS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2021 USBANDS SOUTHERN STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS TITLE.

Whereas, no strangers to capturing the top prize, the members of the Fort Mill High School marching band showed their championship form once again and earned the pleasure of enlarging the band’s substantial trophy collection when they won the prestigious USBands Southern States Championships title for 2021; and

Whereas, held on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, the competition displayed the talents of the Fort Mill musicians to perfection. In the afternoon prelims, Fort Mill won the Best Visual award, placed second in Open Class Group 5 (5A), and qualified for the evening finals; and

Whereas, in the finals, Fort Mill scored a 96.6, won the Best Visual award, and edged the prelims leader (Bob Jones High School, Alabama) to claim the competition’s 2021 crown; and

Whereas, Fort Mill has won three previous Bands of America regionals, but this is the ensemble’s first USBands Regional Championships title. Bands of America and USBands are the largest regional and national circuits of high school marching band competitions; and

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

Whereas, the House, looking forward to hearing of more proud moments for the Fort Mill High School marching band, delights in paying tribute to this consistently excellent musical ensemble for taking home its newest title. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the Fort Mill High School marching band and band directors on an outstanding season and applaud them on capturing the 2021 USBands Southern States Championships title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Gales Scroggs and Director of Bands Ren Patel of Fort Mill High School.

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