**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE AND DIRECTOR FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION WINTER ENSEMBLE PERCUSSION SCHOLASTIC CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Ninety Six High School indoor percussion ensemble of Greenwood County garnered their fourth consecutive state championship honors at the state competition held at River Bluff High School in Lexington on March 31, 2018; and

Whereas, delighting their enthusiastic supporters, the Ninety Six High School’s forty‑one‑member indoor percussion ensemble bested a myriad of fine, competitive ensembles, the closest one, Boiling Springs High School, more than two points behind Ninety Six; and

Whereas, captains Nigel Ouzts, William Dudley, Deanna Smith, and Kamryn Brock led the ensemble in performing the program, entitled “Welcome Home,” and received the gold medal with a score of 88.25; and

Whereas, for the first time in school history, the ensemble prevailed to the semifinals in international competition at the Winter Guard International World Championships, finishing eighteenth in the world among such countries as Japan, England, and Germany; and

Whereas, in a field that demands hours of practice and talent, Director Torey Riser and his skilled assistant directors capitalized on their own passion and training to produce a championship‑caliber ensemble and teach these musicians lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the pride and recognition that the members of the Ninety Six ensemble have brought to their school and their community, and the members look to hear of their continued achievements in the days to come. 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 Ninety Six High School Indoor Percussion ensemble and director for an extraordinary season and congratulate them for winning the 2018 South Carolina Band Directors Association Winter Ensemble Percussion Scholastic Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Darin Rice and Director Torey Riser.

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