State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

By Senator Faulk

and

Representative Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Volunteer High School marching band upon winning four first-place trophies at the Outback Bowl 2011.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to honor those students whose proficiency in an art, craft, or trade has garnered them national accolades; and

WHEREAS, the art of creating music has long been an important part of humanity, serving as a voice for those traits that make us truly human, preserving our history, and forging bridges between diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, recognition should be given to this State's young musicians for their brilliant musical skills and their ability to work together as a marching band; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary work and dedication of the young women and men of the Volunteer High School Marching Band helped them achieve four first-place trophies at the Outback Bowl 2011; and

WHEREAS, after a polished performance, the Volunteer High School Marching Band returned home with a first-place trophy in the "Battle of the Bands," first place in the field show competition, first in class in the parade competition, and was named Grand Champion of the parade competition; and

WHEREAS, along with 3,000 other students, the incomparable Volunteer High School Marching Band performed with a mass band at the halftime show during the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day, 2011, in a riveting musical tribute to the 1980's; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer High School Marching Band masterfully performed in the Outback Bowl Parade in Ybor City, at which the exceptional students played 'Rocky Top' for 30,000 Florida Gator fans, and placed first in one of their four winning categories; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer High School sent 96 students to perform in the Outback Bowl competitions in Tampa, Florida, and each one of these young women and men should be recognized and celebrated for their commitment and hard work; and

WHEREAS, garnering national attention for their outstanding performances, the Volunteer High School Marching Band received this invitation to perform in the Outback Bowl 2011 as a testament to their first-class ability and dedication; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Volunteer Band Director Josh Light's capable direction, the Volunteer High School Marching Band was also ably led by assistant band directors Chris Andies, Crandal Curtis, and Josh Fansler; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its continued dedication to the highest standards of musical and marching performance, the Volunteer High School Marching Band serves as the golden standard among its peers in the State of Tennessee and across this Nation, and each one of these young women and men should be recognized for their commitment and hard work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Volunteer High School Marching Band on not only being invited to compete at the competitions of the Outback Bowl 2011, but also wish to honor and congratulate these exceptional young people for their four first-place victories at the Outback Bowl 2011, in Tampa, Florida, and offer our fondest wishes for their continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: February 9, 2011

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

BETH HARWELL, *SPEAKER*
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of February 2011

BILL HASLAM, *GOVERNOR*