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3 By Representatives Faulkner and Rogers
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 09-MAR-22

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING THE HOMEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOT MARCHING
4 BAND AND DIRECTOR CHRIS COOPER AND DECLARING THEM TO BE
5 MUSICAL AMBASSADORS FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA.
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7 WHEREAS, the Homewood High School Patriot Marching
8 Band learned on October 18, 2019, that the band was invited to
9 march in the Rose Parade, held annually on New Year's Day
10 prior to the legendary Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, California;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, although the Patriot Band had played the
13 Rose Parade four previous times, in 1984, 2003, 2009, and
14 2014, its performance in 2022 held the singular distinction of
15 being the first time that a high school marching band was the
16 leading group in the Rose Parade, holding a place of honor
17 behind the color guard; and

18 WHEREAS, the selection of the Patriot Band to play
19 in the Rose Parade - not only as one of the handful of high
20 school bands present, but as the leaders of the parade - is a
21 testament to the band's quality; the band, one of the most
22 well-respected marching bands in the country, has played in
23 the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade four times since 2000; has
24 played in the Orange Bowl; has played during St. Patrick's Day

1 festivities in Dublin, Ireland; and has played at Disney World
2 during Thanksgiving of 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, the band's impressive resume is due to the
4 hard work and dedication of not only its student members, but
5 also that of its former longtime band director Ron Pence and
6 longtime assistant and current director Chris Cooper; and

7 WHEREAS, current director Chris Cooper was recently
8 awarded the Outstanding Band Director award by Phi Beta Mu,
9 the International School Bandmaster Fraternity, an accolade
10 earned only by those who are the finest band conductors and
11 mentors to young musicians; and

12 WHEREAS, this body is proud to claim the Patriot
13 Band and its director Chris Cooper as true Alabamians, as they
14 are representative of the best our state has to offer in the
15 world of high school music programs; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Homewood High School
18 Patriot Marching Band and its director Chris Cooper are hereby
19 commended for their incredible accomplishments and their
20 tradition of excellence, and are hereby declared to be musical
21 ambassadors for the State of Alabama.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
23 resolution be delivered to the Patriot Band and to director
24 Chris Cooper, as a mere token of our immense gratitude for
25 their service to this state.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 17-MAR-22.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

30-MAR-22

Adopted