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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PEARL HIGH SCHOOL PIRATE MARCHING BAND AND BAND DIRECTOR JEFF CANNON FOR WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION/MISSISSIPPI BAND ASSOCIATION 2012 CLASS 5A STATE MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

WHEREAS, for the second year in a row, the Pearl High School Pirate Marching Band won the Mississippi High School Activities Association/Mississippi Band Association 2012 Class 5A State Marching Band Championship, having also won the title in 2007, 2009 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, "In band competitions, anything over one point is a pretty big margin," Pearl Band Director Jeff Cannon said. "We beat Hernando by 1.25 points and almost had a clean sweep. We won in music, general effect, marching visual and color guard."; and

WHEREAS, the program for the 168-member band, a young group with only 36 seniors and 62 freshmen, was titled "Unravel," which is based on the music of French Composer Maurice Ravel, and the band members spent hundreds of man-hours perfecting the 8.5-minute show that won them the title; and

WHEREAS, Cannon said his assistants, Marching Director Matt Rowan, Color Guard Directors Aimee Sudduth and Amye Rowan, Percussion Director Matt Little, Low Brass Director Jason Harrell, and student instructors all did outstanding jobs in working with the students to put together the championship program; and

WHEREAS, the band is striving for national prominence, and this year, the Pirate Band performed well in the Bands of America competition in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi High School Activities Association and the Mississippi Band Association began this series of competitions nine years ago, and this state title honors the Pirate Band's long, rich history in musical excellence, the only band in the history of the state championship to have finished in the top five every year; and

WHEREAS, with a motto of "Excellence Through Perseverance," these students have persevered to achieve the highest honor attainable within the two associations' honors and awards, and have remained consistent in dedicating each of their performances to the Lord; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize the special accomplishments and attitude of such an outstanding group of student musicians as the Pearl High School Pirate Marching Band, who have brought honor to their school, their parents, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Pearl High School Pirate Marching Band and Director Jeff Cannon upon winning the 2012 Class 5A State Marching Band Championship, its second consecutive title and fourth state championship in six years, and extend best wishes for continued success in all of their future musical and academic endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Band Director Jeff Cannon, Pearl High School Principal Dr. Lundy Brantley, the Pearl School District Board of Trustees, and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 1, 2013

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 15, 2013

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE