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By: Representatives Dotson, McCollum, Petty, McKenzie, Della Rosa, D. Douglas
By: Senators Hester, J. Hendren

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO COMMEND THE BENTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Bentonville High School Wind Ensemble is led by Director Tim Hendrix, Assistant Director Philip Shewmaker, and Director of Percussion Nick Fernandez; and

WHEREAS, the wind ensemble is the uppermost of the 4 concert bands at Bentonville High School and has been selected to perform as a featured band at the National Concert Band Festival, held at Butler University in Indianapolis, on March 14, 2019; the invitation to perform at this prestigious festival signals the arrival of Bentonville High music program as a leading instrumental music program nationally and parallels the Bentonville Pride High School Marching Band's recent ascent into the realm of the nation's best; and as a featured band, Bentonville High School's band program will be showcased as a model program that other bands attending can look up to and learn from; and

WHEREAS, the band program's continued strengthening and growing in national prominence serves to highlight the great things happening in the arts community in Northwest Arkansas and also provides students with unmatched opportunities to compete and learn at the highest levels available to high school musicians; and



WHEREAS, in addition to this honor, a record number of Bentonville High School band members earned seats in the Arkansas All-State Honor Band last year, 20 of whom are still in high school and performing with the Bentonville High School Wind Ensemble this school year; and

WHEREAS, the Bentonville Pride High School Marching Band finished 22nd at the recent Bands of America Grand National Championships, scoring its highest-ever score in its 3 trips to the showcase of the country's best marching band programs; and

WHEREAS, Bentonville High School also hosted the first annual Bentonville Marching Invitational contest in October 2018, drawing competing bands from a 3-state region, and from as far away as Kansas City, Missouri, and St. Louis, Missouri; and the invitational not only will build Bentonville High School's program, but it will also build the programs of other bands taking part, all the while growing interest in the emerging "sport" and drawing more and more visitors to the Northwest Arkansas community to watch the bands perform; and

WHEREAS, the many accomplishments of the Bentonville High School band program are testaments to the commitment to excellence Mr. *Hendrix*, Mr. *Shewmaker*, and Mr. *Fernandez* require from their students in a way that yields admiration for their directors and forges lasting bonds among the band members; and

WHEREAS, the students themselves are dedicated not only to their music but also to their academic classwork, as band students are well-represented in many of the high school's Advanced Placement courses, are frequently awarded scholarships for both music and academics, and are generally recognized for their overall leadership and academic qualities,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the House of Representatives commend the Bentonville High School Wind Ensemble for its caliber of performance, national recognition, high standards, students, and directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be transmitted to Director Tim Hendrix by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

/s/Dotson