

By: Representative Jean  
By: Senator Hickey

## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE FOUKE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE FOUKE HIGH SCHOOL PANTHER MARCHING BAND FOR WINNING FIVE CONSECUTIVE CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TO RECOGNIZE THE FOUKE HIGH SCHOOL AND PAULETTE SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT BANDS FOR BEING NAMED 2022 CLASS 3A STATE HONOR BANDS.

### **Subtitle**

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WHEREAS, on November 1, 2022, the Fouke High School Panther Marching Band won the Class 3A State Marching Championship; and

WHEREAS, with this latest championship, the Fouke High School Panther Marching Band has won the Class 3A State Marching Championships for five (5) consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2021, the Fouke High School and Paulette Smith Middle School Concert bands were named as the 2022 Class 3A State Honor Bands by the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2022, Fouke High School and Paulette Smith



Middle School State Honor bands performed at the 2022 All-State Music Conference at the Hot Springs Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of music performance scholarships awarded to members of the Fouke High School Panther Band over the pasts five (5) years is two hundred sixty-six thousand dollars (\$266,000); and

WHEREAS, the Fouke High School Panther Marching Band and the Fouke High School Panther Honor Band are under the direction of Mr. Don Colquitt; and

WHEREAS, the Paulette Smith Middle School State Honor Band is under the direction of Mrs. Kara Compton; and

WHEREAS, the Fouke School District is a small, rural Arkansas public school district; and

WHEREAS, the Fouke School District demographic is comprised of a sixty percent (60%) Free and Reduced Lunch Program under the National School Lunch Act; and

WHEREAS, the Fouke community voted to extend the current school millage rate in order to raise revenue to construct a performing arts center for the school district's successful fine arts programs,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, recognize the Fouke High School and the Fouke High School Panther Marching Band for winning five (5) consecutive Class 3A State Championships and recognize the Fouke High School and Paulette Smith Middle School concert bands for being named the 2022 Class 3A State Honor Band.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be

provided to Mr. Don Colquitt and Mrs. Kara Compton by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.