

State of Arkansas  
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HCR 1013

By: Representative Rose  
By: Senator J. Petty

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO COMMEND THE VAN BUREN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND.

### Subtitle

TO COMMEND THE VAN BUREN HIGH SCHOOL  
MARCHING BAND.

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

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2022, the Van Buren High School Marching Band was declared the Class 6A State Champion Concert Band by the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association; and

WHEREAS, the Van Buren High School Marching Band is led by Director Ron Smith; and

WHEREAS, this championship by the Van Buren High School Marching Band is the fifth state title in the past six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, the Van Buren High School Marching Band's many accomplishments this past season include: Northwest Arkansas Invitational Marching Championship Overall Grand Champion; Class "C" Champion; Outstanding Visual Effect; Outstanding Music Effect; Outstanding General Effect; Outstanding Color Guard and Outstanding Field Conductors; Branson Invitational Marching Championship Overall Grand Champion; Class "D" Champion; Outstanding Music Effect; Outstanding Visual Effect; and Outstanding Color Guard; and the



Arkansas Region VIII Marching Championship with a unanimous superior rating; and

WHEREAS, the Van Buren High School Marching Band's continued strengthening and growing in statewide 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; and

WHEREAS, the accolades extend beyond the championship for the Van Buren High School Marching Band with sixty-eight (68) team members qualifying for the Region VIII All-Conference Band and forty (40) of those team members qualifying to try-out for the Arkansas All-State Band; and

WHEREAS, the following team members of the Van Buren High School Marching Band were named as First Band, First Chair All-Conference: Morgan Gurule – flute; Daxton Arnold – bassoon; Clay Harris – tenor saxophone; Alejandro Sanchez – bari saxophone; Logan Parnell – tenor trombone; and Bryan Ramos – contra clarinet; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Van Buren High School Marching Band led to an invitation for the band to play at the Walt Disney World fiftieth anniversary celebration; and

WHEREAS, the many accomplishments of the Van Buren High School Marching Band program are testaments to the commitment to excellence Director Ron Smith requires from students in a way that yields admiration for their director and forges lasting bonds among the band members,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring, commend the Van Buren High School Marching Band for its 2022 Class 6A State Championship, caliber of performance, high standards, students, and director.

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