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8 COMMENDING THE ANNISTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND FOR
9 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to the Anniston High School Band for outstanding
13 achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, the Anniston High School Band, widely known
15 as one of the most exciting bands in the Northeast region of
16 Alabama and often referred to as "The Best Band in the Land,"
17 has garnered over 150 superior ratings from various band
18 competitions and festivals within the State of Alabama under
19 the direction of Ruben Mitchell; and

20 WHEREAS, notably, the Anniston Marching Bulldog Band
21 has participated in the Florida Citrus Bowl Parade in 2013,
22 the Magic City Classic Parade in Birmingham eight times, and
23 in numerous collegiate homecoming parades; and

24 WHEREAS, during the 2015-16 school year, the
25 Anniston High School Band garnered honors including Superior
26 Ratings in the areas of Drum Major, Dance, Percussion, and
27 Band, Best in Class Dance, Most Entertaining Band, and

1 distinction as Division A Champions at the West Morgan Dixie
2 Classic; Superior Ratings in the areas of Drum Major, Dance,
3 Color Guard, Percussion, and Band, Best in Class Dance, and
4 Best in Class Color Guard at the Chief Ladiga Marching Band
5 Festival; Superior Ratings in the areas of Drum Major, Dance,
6 Color Guard, Percussion, and Band, Best in Class Band, Best
7 Overall Percussion, Dance, Color Guard, and distinction as
8 Grand Champion at the Central Alabama Marching Band
9 Competition; and a State Music Performance Assessment of an
10 Overall Superior Rating; and

11 WHEREAS, during the 2016-17 school year, the
12 Anniston High School Band earned Superior Ratings in the areas
13 of Drum Major, Dance, Color Guard, Percussion, and Band, Best
14 in Class Band, Best Overall Percussion, Best Overall Dance,
15 and Best Overall Color Guard at the Central Alabama Marching
16 Band Competition; and Superior Ratings in the areas of Drum
17 Major, Dance, Color Guard, and Band at the Magic City Marching
18 Band Festival; and first in Dance line and Marching, second in
19 Flags and Music, third in Percussion and General Effect,
20 Second Place Overall Division One (Overall National
21 Competition), third place in the nation for Dance line, and
22 ninth place in the nation among high-stepping bands at the
23 High-Stepping Nationals Competition; and

24 WHEREAS, with an unwavering commitment to
25 excellence, these student musicians reflect immense credit
26 upon Anniston High School, their families, and the entire

1 community, and they are truly deserving of special
2 commendation and praise; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Anniston High School Band
5 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
6 offered to Band Director Ruben Mitchell and the Marching
7 Bulldogs, along with sincere best wishes for continued success
8 in all future endeavors.