

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 395

*Commending the Loudoun County High School marching band.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2019

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County High School marching band won first place in the USBands Group IV A National Championships held on November 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the hardworking and musically talented 95-member Loudoun County High School Marching Raiders impressed the judges to earn a championship score of 97.512 points, putting them 1.674 points ahead of the second-place school; and

WHEREAS, the championship was held in Allentown, Pennsylvania, with the Loudoun Marching Raiders competing against 79 bands from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Marching Raiders performed a show entitled "Light Prevails," which combined "Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven, "Fly to Paradise" by Eric Whitacre, and original music by Jeff Chambers; the show included choreography, multiple costume and flag changes by the color guard, a set of moving trees, solos on flute by Jemison Goforth and saxophone by Nick Wu, and beautiful vocals by Sophia Macchiarolo of the color guard; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2018 season, the members of the band, led by drum majors Sayda Martinez and Megan Hardman, with direction by Darron Young, Kristy Lemieux, Aaron Bertoglio, Chris McNabb, and Mika Saario, were enthusiastically supported by their families, band boosters, fellow students, the school administration, and the entire school community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby commend the Loudoun County High School marching band for winning first place in the 2018 USBands Group IV A National Championships; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Loudoun County High School marching band director Darron Young as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and admiration for the band's achievement and impressive performance.

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