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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 273

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*Commending the Loudoun County High School marching band.*

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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, 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, moving solos on flute by Jemison Goforth and saxophone by Nick Wu, as well as 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 by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly 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 Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Loudoun County High School marching band director Darron Young as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the band's achievement and impressive performance.

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