

# 2014 SESSION

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

*Commending the Spirit of Freedom marching band.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2014

WHEREAS, the Spirit of Freedom marching band of Freedom High School in Loudoun County was named the Virginia Class 5A state champion at the USBands State Championships in November 2013; and

WHEREAS, USBands, formerly known as the United States Scholastic Band Association, was formed in 1988 to provide a first-rate competitive circuit for high school bands around the country; over 250 schools took part in the 2013 USBands State Championships, held at nine locations in six states; and

WHEREAS, the Spirit of Freedom marching band competed in an all-day event on November 5, 2013, which was judged by a panel of experts from around the country, who evaluated each band's musical and visual performances; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being named state champion, the Spirit of Freedom marching band won awards for best music, best visual performance, best overall effect, best color guard, and best percussion; and

WHEREAS, the Spirit of Freedom marching band was also one of two schools from the Commonwealth to receive the Cadets Award of Excellence from the Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps; the award recognizes bands with high achievements in the areas of creativity and overall effect; and

WHEREAS, with these prestigious accomplishments, the Spirit of Freedom marching band has brought honor to the Spirit of Freedom High School and Loudoun County communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Spirit of Freedom marching band of Freedom High School hereby be commended for being named the Virginia Class 5A state champion at the 2013 USBands State Championships; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Spirit of Freedom marching band as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the band's success and best wishes for the future.

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