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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 88

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Commending the Westfield High School marching band.

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WHEREAS, the Chantilly-based Westfield High School marching band received the honor of performing in the 125th Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California, in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, 273 members strong, the Westfield High School marching band was the first Fairfax County school, and third Virginia public high school, to march in the prestigious parade; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, Westfield High School had to produce judges' notes and results from past competitions, essays on what made the band unique, national-level letters of recommendation, and videos of the band marching parade-style and in a marching field show; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield High School marching band was one of a dozen schools selected to perform from a pool of over 100 applicants, and it was one of two bands selected to perform a one-minute piece before national television cameras; and

WHEREAS, maintaining composure under high-pressure conditions, the members of the Westfield High School marching band executed an impressive performance in front of a live audience of about one million people, and they were seen by a television audience of about 50 million people in the United States and 100 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, this achievement was made possible by the dedication of the band members, the leadership of the band director and staff, and the support of the Westfield High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Westfield High School marching band hereby be commended for being selected to perform during the 125th Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Stephen Panoff, director of the Westfield High School marching band, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for the dedication and hard work put forth by the Westfield High School marching band.

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