

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 714

Commending the McLean High School band.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017
 Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2017

WHEREAS, the McLean High School band had a banner 2016 year, winning top honors in local, regional, and national competitions; and

WHEREAS, the McLean High School band percussion ensemble won Performance and Featured Finalist at the Ohio State Percussion Festival in February 2016 and Superior Rating and Class Champion at the Worldstrides Heritage Festival in Chicago in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, the McLean High School band symphonic band was awarded a Superior Rating at the Virginia State Assessment in March 2016, a Superior Rating and Grand Champion at the Worldstrides Heritage Festival in New York City in April 2016, and performed at the Virginia Music Educator Association's State Conference in November 2016; and

WHEREAS, at the Worldstrides Heritage Festival in Chicago, Illinois, in April 2016, the McLean High School band wind ensemble was awarded a Superior Rating and Class Champion, the concert band was awarded an Excellent Rating and Class Champion, and the jazz ensemble was awarded a Superior Rating and Class Champion; and

WHEREAS, the McLean High School Highlander marching band won the following awards in 2016: 2nd Place in Class at USBands Herndon Regional; Grand Champion at the Oakton Classic; USBands Virginia State Champions for Class VI Open and Grand Champions; Performance and Award from the Fairfax County Public Schools School Board; and Performance and Award from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the McLean High School Highlander marching band and color guard also took home 1st place in the Class VI Open at the USBands Westminister Regional Championship and the USBands Music in Motion Regional Championship, as well as honors for best visual performance, best music, best general effect, and highest score overall—grand champions for their "Story of My Life" performance; and

WHEREAS, the McLean Highlander marching band and color guard showcased the many kinds of love felt throughout a lifetime in a touching performance that included musical selections by The Piano Guys, Frank Ticheli, The Cinematic Orchestra, John Adams, Ludwig van Beethoven, and music from the movie *Love Actually*; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, the 160-person McLean High School marching band and color guard displayed amazing choreography that included dancing, jumping, and being hoisted into the air before falling into the formation of a perfect heart at the end; and

WHEREAS, all members of the McLean Highlander marching band and color guard, led by Band Director Chris Weise and Associate Director of Bands Deidra Denson, and under the field direction of Drum Majors Will Glembocki, Alonso Flores-Saez, and Nour Khachemoune, contributed to the marching band's championship performances; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the McLean High School band for winning top honors in local, regional, and national competitions in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chris Weise, band director of McLean High School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the band's inspiring award-winning performances.

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