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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 107

Offered February 10, 2020

Commending the James Madison High School marching band.

Patrons—Petersen; Delegate: Keam

WHEREAS, the James Madison High School marching band of Vienna won the Virginia Marching Band Cooperative state championship at Liberty University's Williams Stadium on November 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the James Madison High School marching band received a score of 94.25 from the Virginia Marching Band Cooperative judges, including first place honors in all three categories of music, general effect, and visual, which earned the program its second consecutive state title; and

WHEREAS, incorporating a theme of "Dusk 'til Dawn," the James Madison High School marching band performed classic rock favorites like the Rolling Stones' "Paint It Black" and the Beatles' "Here Comes the Sun," while employing color guard costumes, stage makeup, props, and backdrops to great effect; and

WHEREAS, hailed as the "Pride of Vienna," the 150 members of the James Madison High School marching band began practicing together in August and performed at several high school events in preparation for their regional, state, and national competitions; and

WHEREAS, in October, the James Madison High School marching band won the Bands of America Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship title for the first time in school history, a feat that had not been accomplished by a school from the Commonwealth in over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, at the 2019 Bands of America Grand National Competition, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, from November 14-16, 2019, the James Madison High School marching band advanced to the semifinals, a first for a team from Fairfax County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, ultimately receiving the second-highest score in the nation for its class, the James Madison High School marching band went further at the 2019 Bands of America Grand National Competition than any other program in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the James Madison High School marching band's accomplishments are the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-musicians, the leadership and guidance of their director and teachers, and the unwavering support of the entire James Madison High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the James Madison High School marching band for winning the 2019 Virginia Marching Band Cooperative state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael Hackbarth, director of the James Madison High School marching band, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the band's achievements and best wishes for the future.

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