

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 497

By Moody

A RESOLUTION to commend the members of Munford High School's marching band for an exemplary performance at the 89<sup>th</sup> annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor those Tennessee educational institutions that seek to serve their respective communities while also excelling in academics, athletic competition, and civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, Munford High School in Tipton County is most assuredly an important part of this State's educational community; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2015, the Munford High School marching band performed in the 89<sup>th</sup> annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which had the second-largest viewing audience of any Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, bands performing in the parade played for 3.5 million people viewing the parade live along the parade route, and more than 50 million viewers watching the event live from their televisions; and

WHEREAS, the only marching band from the State of Tennessee selected to perform in this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Munford High School marching band was one of only twelve ensembles and one of only six high school bands selected to perform from among the many that applied; and

WHEREAS, established in 1946, the marching band is one of the oldest programs at Munford High School, which graduated its first class in 1930; and

WHEREAS, comprised of more than 200 students in grades nine through twelve, the Munford Band is respected as one of the most highly recognized of its kind in the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, encompassing a wind ensemble, symphonic ensemble, two jazz bands, a winter color guard, and a winter percussion, the Munford High School band sources its talent early from the Munford Middle School bands; more than 300 students begin in sixth grade and progress through eighth grade while developing the skills necessary for placement in the competitive arena of musical exploration at Munford High School; and

WHEREAS, the band at Munford High School is the product of rigorous effort and much financial support, with funding accumulating to an annual amount of \$200,000 coming from The Munford High School Band Boosters, Inc., a group of hard-working adults invested in the growth of Munford's young people and the reputation they lend to the city; and

WHEREAS, the Munford High School marching band's performance in the 89<sup>th</sup> annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a reflection of the school's mission to serve the entirety of our great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the directors and members of the Munford High School marching band for their exemplary performance at the 89<sup>th</sup> annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and we extend to them, their friends and parents, and the entire Munford High School community our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.