

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 995

By Garrett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Hendersonville High School Band of Gold.

WHEREAS, the art of creating music has long been an important part of humanity, serving as a voice for those traits that make us truly human, preserving our history, and forging bridges between diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, recognition should be given to this State's young musicians for their brilliant musical skills and their ability to work together as a marching band; and

WHEREAS, one such marching band is the Hendersonville High School Band of Gold, whose members performed in London's New Year's Day Parade on January 1, 2020, in London, England; and

WHEREAS, known as the world's greatest street spectacular, London's New Year's Day Parade includes more than 8,000 performers on a parade route that takes marchers past many of the city's most historical spots, including Parliament Street, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, and the Tower of London; 750,000 people line the parade route, and in 2018, the parade was watched by more than 600 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, bands are recommended to the Parade Committee by scouts who attend marching band competitions, performances, and concerts throughout the United States; the Hendersonville High School Band of Gold was one of only fifteen bands nationwide to be selected for this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, the band and its director, Dr. Jeffrey Phillips, were formally invited to participate in London's New Year's Day Parade by Duncan Sandys, former Lord Mayor of Westminster and great-grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, and Robert Bone, executive director

and founder of London's New Year's Day Parade and International Choral Festival, both of whom extended the invitation in person on October 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, because of the band's invitation, the Hendersonville High School Select Chorus was also evaluated and was selected to participate in the International Choral Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School Band of Gold raised money for their trip while preparing for the 2019 marching season, which included after-school practice three days a week, performances at all home and away football games, and participation in a number of marching band contests throughout the region; band members began practicing twice a week for the parade in October following the conclusion of the regular marching season; and

WHEREAS, the young men and women of the Hendersonville High School Band of Gold performed in sterling fashion, and the band's success was aided in no small part by the support of the parents of band members, the community, and the administrators, faculty, and staff of Hendersonville High School; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its continued dedication to the highest standards of musical and marching performance, the Hendersonville High School Band of Gold serves as the gold standard in the State of Tennessee, and each one of these young women and men should be recognized for their commitment and hard work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Jeffrey Phillips and the members of the Hendersonville High School Band of Gold upon their performance in London's New Year's Day Parade and extend our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.