- 1 HJR143
- 2 218593-2
- 3 By Representatives Faulkner and Rogers
- 4 RFD: Rules
- 5 First Read: 09-MAR-22

2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

COMMENDING THE HOMEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOT MARCHING BAND AND DIRECTOR CHRIS COOPER AND DECLARING THEM TO BE
MUSICAL AMBASSADORS FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, the Homewood High School Patriot Marching Band learned on October 18, 2019, that the band was invited to march in the Rose Parade, held annually on New Year's Day prior to the legendary Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, California; and

WHEREAS, although the Patriot Band had played the Rose Parade four previous times, in 1984, 2003, 2009, and 2014, its performance in 2022 held the singular distinction of being the first time that a high school marching band was the leading group in the Rose Parade, holding a place of honor behind the color guard; and

WHEREAS, the selection of the Patriot Band to play in the Rose Parade - not only as one of the handful of high school bands present, but as the leaders of the parade - is a testament to the band's quality; the band, one of the most well-respected marching bands in the country, has played in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade four times since 2000; has played in the Orange Bowl; has played during St. Patrick's Day

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WHEREAS, the band's impressive resume is due to the hard work and dedication of not only its student members, but also that of its former longtime band director Ron Pence and longtime assistant and current director Chris Cooper; and

WHEREAS, current director Chris Cooper was recently awarded the Outstanding Band Director award by Phi Beta Mu, the International School Bandmaster Fraternity, an accolade earned only by those who are the finest band conductors and mentors to young musicians; and

WHEREAS, this body is proud to claim the Patriot

Band and its director Chris Cooper as true Alabamians, as they

are representative of the best our state has to offer in the

world of high school music programs; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Homewood High School Patriot Marching Band and its director Chris Cooper are hereby commended for their incredible accomplishments and their tradition of excellence, and are hereby declared to be musical ambassadors for the State of Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Patriot Band and to director Chris Cooper, as a mere token of our immense gratitude for their service to this state.

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8 9 10	and was	I hereby certify that the within Act originated in adopted by the House 17-MAR-22.	
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