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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING THE PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND ON  
BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT RHODE ISLAND IN THE 57TH PRESIDENTIAL  
INAUGURAL PARADE**

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Finn, and Gallison

Date Introduced: January 08, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Americans still believe that our nation is the land of opportunity where all  
2 dreams can come true. For the Principal, Band Director, and members of the Portsmouth High  
3 School Marching Band and Color Guard, that dream has come true, with their selection to  
4 represent the Ocean State in the Presidential Inaugural Parade, to be held in Washington, D.C., on  
5 January 21<sup>st</sup> of 2013; and

6           WHEREAS, Considered to be a great achievement and honor, this once-in-a-lifetime  
7 opportunity was extended to the student musicians in December of 2012, after Inaugural staff  
8 members took notice of the band during its march in the National Cherry Blossom Festival in  
9 April of 2012; and

10           WHEREAS, High school bands provide students with the opportunity to participate in  
11 rewarding music programs that enhance their overall educational experience and oftentimes  
12 create life-long memories. Meeting at the Pentagon early on the morning of the parade and  
13 following a one and a half-mile route down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House, led by the  
14 President and Vice President, will certainly be an event to remember and cherish; and

15           WHEREAS, One hundred and fifty-seven students, along with Portsmouth High School  
16 Band Director, Ted Rausch, Principal, Robert Littlefield, Assistant Band Director/Drum Line  
17 Instructor, Tim Marum, members of the school's Color Guard, and Dance Team Instructor, Lisa  
18 Mailloux, will experience a momentous achievement that very few people would even dare to  
19 imagine, and we are proud to honor their triumph; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Portsmouth High School Marching Band on  
3 being selected to represent Rhode Island in the 57<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inaugural Parade. We  
4 furthermore wish them good health and much success; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Ted Rausch, Portsmouth High School Band  
7 Director, and Robert Littlefield, Portsmouth High School Principal.

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