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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Shenendehowa High School Varsity Color Guard upon the occasion of capturing the Gold Medal at the WGI Color Guard World Championships

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Shenendehowa High School Varsity Color Guard upon the occasion of capturing the Gold Medal at the WGI Color Guard World Championships held from Thursday, April 7, 2016, through Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the University of Dayton Arena in Dayton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The Winter Guard International (WGI) Sport of the Arts World Championships is the premier showcase for winter color guard; as a non-profit youth organization, it serves as the leading governing body of the indoor winter guard, and brings music to life through performance in a competitive format; and

WHEREAS, For 39 years, the sport has continued to evolve and grow with more than 36,000 participants at the regional level, and more than 12,000 participants at the 2016 WGI Sport of the Arts World Championships; and

WHEREAS, WGI is focused on education and provides curriculum materials for classes in equipment, movement and design; the organization promotes higher education by annually awarding academic scholarships to student

performers; and

WHEREAS, The Shenendehowa High School Varsity Color Guard won its first Gold Medal in school history in the Scholastic Open Division with an outstanding performance from the team members; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the squad's overall title, the team's free-flowing routine won a "Fan-Favorite" Award at the championships; and

WHEREAS, Comprised of 16 students in grades nine through twelve, the Shenendehowa High School Varsity Color Guard competed against 52 teams; the team's show was entitled Beauty Misunderstood and its total winning score for the competition was 96.85; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the Shenendehowa High School Varsity Color Guard is due in great part to the efforts of Director, Scott Snell, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team had an undefeated record for the season, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Shenendehowa High School Varsity Color Guard, from the opening of the season to participation in the championship, were a fellowship of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Director Scott Snell and all of these outstanding

athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Shenendehowa High School Varsity Color Guard; its members:

Brittany Anderson, Erica Barber, Emma Foo, Madison Gibbs, Theresa Gundel, Sabrina Lorica, Amanda Maltz, Kendra Mendoza, Maxwell Mosier, Kelly Pagnello, Taylor Pelc, Erica Ruchlicki, Samantha Savage, Kristin Thayer, Alexis Tucker and Amanda Wareing; and Director Scott Snell, on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Shenendehowa High School Varsity Color Guard, Director Scott Snell, Superintendent Dr. L. Oliver Robinson, High School Principal Donald Flynt, and School Board members.