

Senate Resolution 516

By: Senator Ragan of the 11th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Commending the Bainbridge High School "Bearcat" Band and its director, Paschal Ward;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Bainbridge High School "Bearcat" Band has established itself as one of the  
4 premier high school bands in the southeast; and

5 WHEREAS, the band is a sophisticated marching unit composed of over 200 students at  
6 Bainbridge High School in grades 9 through 12; and

7 WHEREAS, continuing a tradition of excellence over the years, the band has consistently  
8 received superior ratings for over 17 years in state and national competitions and has been  
9 invited to appear and perform throughout the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, as evidence of its outstanding achievements, the band has been honored by its  
11 selection to march and perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade three times, most  
12 recently on Thanksgiving Day 2001 in the 75th anniversary Macy's parade; and

13 WHEREAS, the band's outstanding musical accomplishments are the direct result of the  
14 unparalleled musical talent, persistent hard work, and selfless dedication of the members of  
15 the band, superlative leadership, and the magnificent support of the parents, administration,  
16 and student body of Bainbridge High School; and

17 WHEREAS, the band is ably lead and directed by Paschal Ward who, in his 29 years of  
18 music education experience, has been recognized as an outstanding leader in the field of  
19 music education.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize and commend the Bainbridge High School "Bearcat" Band for its many

1 accomplishments and achievements and Paschal Ward for his excellent leadership and  
2 commitment to music education.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Bainbridge High School "Bearcat"  
5 Band and Paschal Ward.