

**Senator Schaffer**

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**RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Pickerington Central High School  
marching band on being selected to perform at the  
2009 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the 2010  
Tournament of Roses Parade.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Pickerington Central High School marching band on being chosen to perform at the 2009 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade; and

WHEREAS, Throughout long hours of practice and preparation, the members of the Pickerington Central High School marching band have displayed exceptional musical ability, remarkable confidence, and tremendous discipline, and consequently, they have been invited to take part in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day and Tournament of Roses parades, making them only the second group to march in these events in one school year. Under the capable guidance of their director, Mike Sewell, this talented group of young people has become known as one of the finest high school bands in Ohio, and they are deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, Participation in a high school band provides a unique opportunity for students to develop their musical skills and to enjoy a special camaraderie while learning the true value of perseverance and cooperation. Over the years, the Pickerington Central High School marching band has excelled in its endeavors, and all those who have been involved with the program are to be

commended for their exemplary performances; and

WHEREAS, Music is an integral component of our heritage, helping people to communicate across national, cultural, and social barriers, as well as uniting performers and audiences in a meaningful, shared experience. The members of the Pickerington Central High School marching band have imparted the richness and beauty of music to citizens throughout the area, and they have set an example worthy of emulation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the Pickerington Central High School marching band on its exemplary achievements and extend best wishes for the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Pickerington Central High School marching band.