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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Symphonic Winds ensemble at Rushing Middle
2 School in the Prosper Independent School District has been invited
3 to perform at the 77th annual Midwest Clinic International Band,
4 Orchestra, and Music Conference taking place in Chicago, Illinois,
5 from December 20 to 22, 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, hundreds of bands apply to perform at the
7 event, but only a few are selected; the Rushing Symphonic Winds is
8 one of just four middle school bands invited to play at this
9 prestigious festival, which is considered the world's largest
10 convention for music education; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 18,000 people from all 50 states and over
12 40 countries will attend the conference in 2023; the Midwest Clinic
13 was founded in 1946 as an assembly of some 120 Chicago-area
14 directors and quickly began to expand; initially, it invited
15 directors to bring their bands on the basis of their reputations; it
16 eventually developed a highly competitive application process; and

17 WHEREAS, Symphonic Winds is guided by Rushing's head band
18 director, Jarred Dodd; in 2022, the ensemble's percussion section,
19 under the leadership of Rushing's percussion director, Shane
20 Snyder, placed first at the Texas Christian University Percussion
21 Festival in 2022; Prosper ISD has been named by the NAMM Foundation
22 as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in the country,
23 in recognition of its commitment to music education and its efforts
24 to ensure access to music for all students; and

1 WHEREAS, Through their talent, hard work, and commitment to
2 excellence, the young musicians of the Rushing Middle School
3 Symphonic Winds have earned their way to an international event of
4 enormous prestige, and their achievement is a great credit to
5 Prosper ISD and a source of pride to their families, friends, and
6 fellow students; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the Rushing Middle School
9 Symphonic Winds on being invited to perform at the 2023 Midwest
10 Clinic International Band, Orchestra, and Music Conference and
11 extend to the members and directors sincere best wishes for
12 continued success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the ensemble as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.