



1995 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32

January 11, 1996 - Introduced by Representative SCHNEIDER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending the National Guard's 132nd Army Band.

2 Whereas, military bands have a long tradition of entertaining service members
3 and civilians with music; and, in Wisconsin, the National Guard's 132nd Army Band
4 keeps the tradition alive and thriving with approximately 60 citizen
5 soldier-musicians who travel the state, the country and even the world with a
6 variety of music that everybody enjoys; and

7 Whereas, a descendant of the Army Guard's famed 32nd Red Arrow Division
8 bands of World War I and World War II, today's 132nd Army Band is an exceptional
9 band of outstanding musicians, and has helped inaugurate Wisconsin governors; has
10 played honors for the President of the United States; has helped commission the
11 battleship U.S.S. *Wisconsin*; has played with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra;
12 has commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Wisconsin Guard's World War II
13 service in Australia; and has welcomed home each of the Wisconsin Guard's Desert
14 Storm units; and

15 Whereas, many band members are civilian musicians, music students or band
16 directors, and others represent a number of other civilian professions in their
17 hometowns throughout Wisconsin and other nearby states; but when they come

1 together as the 132nd Army Band, they are all musicians in one of the finer military
2 bands in the Midwest; and

3 Whereas, audiences may be surprised at the versatility of this army band,
4 which plays a wide range of music that goes far beyond traditional concert and
5 marching band material, and includes 2 big band stage groups; "The Marauders" for
6 dances and the "MRE's" (Musicians Ready to Entertain) show band, along with
7 several small ensembles including "The Wright Stuff" and "In Your Ear" brass
8 quintets; the "EZ" Jazz Combo; a sax quartet; and woodwind and flute choirs; and

9 Whereas, there is a concert band, which has as many as 60 musicians and has
10 a big, full sound that has delighted audiences from Wisconsin to Australia; and

11 Whereas, the 132nd Army Band has a group appropriate for almost any event
12 from parades to concerts and everything in between; and

13 Whereas, the band is under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer William W.
14 Richardson, bandmaster; 1st Sgt. David P. Johnson, enlisted bandmaster; and Staff
15 Sgt. Edward J. Diederich, drum major of the marching band; and

16 Whereas, the 132nd Army Band contributed significantly to the grand
17 reopening of the Capitol's west wing; now, therefore, be it

18 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly
19 salute the proud tradition and high quality of the 132nd Army Band and thank the
20 band's members for participating in the grand reopening of the Capitol's west wing;
21 and, be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
23 to the 132nd Army Band.

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