

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Weihing offers LR 20. It is found on page 423. (Read.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Weihing to explain LR 20.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I was delighted when I received a letter from Dr. Al Wright of the John Phillip Sousa Foundation. You may wonder who John Phillip Sousa was because he has passed away, but he is the composer of "Stars And Stripes Forever", and he is also known as the "March King". He lived from 1854 to 1932. He is the person who brought about the marching of the bands, and he is the most famous bandmaster that we have ever had in the United States. Now the John Phillip Sousa Foundation awards what is known as the Sudler Cup, which is to identify, recognize, and honor junior high school and middle school concert bands throughout the United States that have demonstrated particular significantly high standards of excellence in concert activities over the past several years. This year, this year the Scottsbluff Junior High School Band was the only one in the United States that was selected, and my letter states, on behalf of the John Phillip Sousa Foundation, it is, indeed, a pleasure for me to advise you that the outstandingly fine Scottsbluff Junior High School Band has been awarded the Sousa Foundation Sudler Cup in recognition of maintaining one of the very finest junior high school concert bands in the United States. Now it is truly an honor to be the only one, and there have only been nine, only nine high school bands in the entire United States have received this award in the past five years of the program. And so I move that we send a legislative resolution to the Scottsbluff High School and to the teacher that has led this band; whereas, the Scottsbluff Junior High School Band has achieved and maintained high standards of excellence in the concert area for many years; and whereas, the Scottsbluff Junior High School Band has been evaluated and rated in its concert activities; and whereas, the Scottsbluff Junior High School Band has been awarded the John Phillip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Cup; and whereas, the Sudler Cup is awarded for truly outstanding excellence in concert performances by a junior high school band; and whereas, the Scottsbluff Junior High School Band was the only junior high school band in the entire country to receive the award in 1988; and whereas, only nine junior high school bands in the entire country have received the award during the