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Joint Board Matter with Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Alcorn
Oakton High School Wins Metallica's
Inaugural Marching Band Competition

Members of the Board,

In April 2023, the heavy-metal band Metallica launched its inaugural “For Whom the Band Tolls” contest challenging college and high school marching bands across the country to incorporate Metallica songs into their shows. Bands were expected to craft the most exciting, unique, and impressive performances of Metallica’s music.

The Oakton High School Marching Cougars won first place in the small high school division and will receive \$15,000 worth of musical instruments and equipment. The band began rehearsals in July and practiced three days a week. Its choreographed performance, called “Parade to Black,” features a medley of Metallica songs including “The Unforgiven,” “For Whom the Bell Tolls,” “Turn the Page,” and “Enter Sandman.” With over 450 submissions from college and high school bands, Oakton High School’s win landed them in the top five bands in the competition.

We are so proud of the Oakton Marching Cougars' extraordinary creativity and passion for the performing arts that resulted in this incredible accomplishment. They are a perfect representation of Fairfax County's and the Providence District's commitment to the arts, and the unique ways we showcase our talents. They inspire our community to pursue our own arts passions at every opportunity.

Therefore, I move without objection, that a resolution be prepared and presented to the Oakton High School Marching Cougars inside or outside the Board room to celebrate and recognize their win in the inaugural "For Whom the Band Tolls" competition.