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## **JACOBS, CONDINO AND MEISNER HONOR FERNDALE MARCHING BAND** *Golden Eagles earn 4th state championship*

**LANSING** – Sen. Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods), Rep. Paul Condino (D-Southfield) and Rep. Andy Meisner (D-Ferndale) today honored the Ferndale Golden Eagle Marching Band with a Joint Resolution signed by Governor Granholm for capturing their fourth straight state championship in the Flight III division. Band members were joined by Band Director Elon Jamison and Ferndale School Superintendent Gary Meier, along with families and other school administrators. The competition was held November 3, 2007 at Detroit's Ford Field and was sponsored by the Michigan Competitive Band Association.

"We could not be prouder of the band members, and the staff and parents who worked so hard to win this recognition," Sen. Jacobs said. "It's an honor for the entire state and I'm proud to be a part of the tribute."

The band is comprised of 104 members, including two drum majors, led by Senior Drum Major Charlotte Wunderlich, 59 wind instrument players, nine drummers, 14 other percussionists, and 20 color guard members with flags and rifles.

"The Ferndale Golden Eagle Marching Band today received the recognition they deserve," said Rep. Meisner. "The Marching Band's student spokesperson was eloquent in describing the importance of music in the life of students and in the world as a whole."

"The hard work and the spirit these band members and families have demonstrated is an inspiration to us all," Rep. Condino said. "These young people are a source of pride for their community and a credit to our state."

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