

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Memorable anthem by young violinist

To the editor: I was the referee at the Southern Columbia vs. Hughesville football game on Sept. 15. Congratulations to coach Jim Roth for winning his 400th game.

Something else great happened that evening, though, that is, I feel, worth sharing. I have been in organized high school and college athletics for 55-plus years. I wit-

nessed one of the best performances of our national anthem that evening. A fourth-grade young female, Michaela Williams, walked to the 50 yard line and, by herself, played our national anthem on a violin. It was phenomenal. I was pleasantly surprised during the entire performance.

I didn't know the youngster's name at the time, but

my entire crew of officials want to congratulate her. She received a well-deserved standing ovation from the fans.

It was great that the Southern administration and faculty recognized this young lady's talent and allowed her to showcase it in front of a large, appreciative crowd. As a former teacher, administrator and

coach, I feel it is important that we recognize our talented students and allow them to share their talents with their fellow students, faculty and the public.

I know this talented fourth-grade student put in as much time practicing on her violin as our athletes do in perfecting their skills.

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