**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CANDICE GLOVER OF BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR HER SUCCESS ON *AMERICAN IDOL* AND TO WISH HER GODSPEED AS SHE CONTINUES HER QUEST TO BECOME THE SEASON TWELVE AMERICAN IDOL.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that Candice Glover has advanced to the Top Five on season twelve of *American Idol*; and

Whereas, a native of St. Helena Island and proud of her Geechee dialect and culture, she began to hone her rich, soulful voice for the spiritual delight of the congregation in the Lowcountry’s Oaks True Holiness Church, singing “Victory Is Mine” when she was four years old; and

Whereas, by the time she was eight, she received her first standing ovation for her first major solo, singing CeCe Winans’ “Alabaster Box”; and

Whereas, she auditioned for *American Idol* in 2009 and again in 2011, and believing she had the right combination of talent and stage presence to succeed on the reality show, she tenaciously auditioned a third time in 2013, for the twelfth season; and

Whereas, after previous heartache and disappointment, Candice knew she could not quit when it came to realizing her dream; and

Whereas, entering her *American Idol* 2013 audition with a new confidence, she received standing ovations from both Randy Jackson and Mariah Carey, and she has continued to astound the judges and viewers alike all the way to the Top 5 of season twelve; and

Whereas, in Round 4 of Hollywood Week, her passionate rendition of Alicia Keys’ “Girl On Fire” brought the entire audience to its feet; and

Whereas, she began the Top Ten competition with an unmatched rendering of Ben E. King’s “I (Who Have Nothing),” and in the following weeks, her soulful musical interpretations have not abated, but have continued to keep the audiences on their feet; and

Whereas, her flawless performance of Dee Dee Warwick’s “I’m Gonna Make You Love Me,” won her a standing ovation again and sent her to the Top Seven, and two weeks later she mesmerized the audience when she poured her own soul into the last bars of Dionne Warwick’s “Don’t Make Me Over”; and

Whereas, by the Top Six week, she held the audience spellbound before she had sung four bars of her effortless rendition of “Lovesong” by The Cure; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the hard work and talent that have brought Candice Glover the success she has experienced on *American Idol*, and they expect to hear of her continued achievements in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Candice Glover of Beaufort County for her success on *American Idol* and wish her Godspeed as she continues her quest to become the season twelve American Idol.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Candice Glover.

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