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**S. 1203**

Introduced by Senator Alexander

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**THE COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS**

To whom was referred a Senate Resolution (S. 1203) to declare Friday, June 13, 2014 as “Catherine Devoe Fisher Day” and to recognize Catherine “Catie” Devoe Fisher on her many musical, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

Has polled the Senate Resolution out majority favorable.

**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014 AS “CATHERINE DEVOE FISHER DAY” AND TO RECOGNIZE CATHERINE “CATIE” DEVOE FISHER ON HER MANY MUSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Whereas, Catherine Devoe Fisher is a dramatic soprano vocalist and recitalist with a powerful, rich voice and a dark, full sound; and

Whereas, Catie grew up in Walhalla, South Carolina. She is the daughter of David and Frances Devoe, and the granddaughter of Frank and the late Dorothy Thode Guldner; and

Whereas, Catie is dyslexic and has Auditory Processing Disorder (ADP), causing her to understand only thirteen percent of what she hears. She learns music through vibrations. Catie wishes to bring attention to this disorder to promote awareness, early evaluation in schools, and appropriate interventions and accommodations; and

Whereas, Catie attended Walhalla High School and studied under John Fallon. She competed and won a spot to attend the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville where she studied Voice Performance under Tom Dickinson. She graduated from the Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities in 2010. In addition to these accomplishments, Catie also received the highest award available through the Girl Scouts, the Gold Award; and

Whereas, at the age of sixteen, Catie auditioned and was accepted to the Washington National Opera Summer Institute for Young Singers. At age nineteen, she began singing with the New Orleans Opera Company, and is currently finishing her third season with them. She was also with the New Orleans’ contemporary opera company, the New Fangled Opera Company; and

Whereas, for the last four years she has studied Voice Performance at Loyola University in New Orleans under the direction of Dreux Montegut. She will graduate from Loyola University in May; and

Whereas, Catie plans to continue singing with the New Orleans Opera Company and the New Fangled Opera Company as well as continuing private voice lessons; and

Whereas, on Friday, June 13, 2014, Catie will perform “Catie Sings” and brings New Orleans home at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. She, along with friends and family will perform *pro bono* to benefit the Old St. John’s Meeting House and Wedding Chapel; and

Whereas, her determination speaks so well of the training that she has received in the schools in Walhalla and in Greenville. She has been so steadfast while seeking and enduring four years of the most difficult Vocal Performance degree at Loyola University. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate, by this resolution, declare Friday, June 13, 2014 as “Catherine Devoe Fisher Day” and recognize Catherine “Catie” Devoe Fisher on her many musical accomplishments.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Catherine “Catie” Devoe Fisher.

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