**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE INCREDIBLE VOCAL TALENT OF CANDICE GLOVER OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR THE AMAZING MUSICAL PERFORMANCES THAT WON HER THE SEASON TWELVE TITLE OF *AMERICAN IDOL*.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are delighted to learn that twenty-three year old Candice Glover has been selected as the season twelve winner of *American Idol*; and

Whereas, steeped in the beautiful Lowcountry traditions of the Geechee dialect and culture indigenous to her native home on St. Helena Island, she first began to polish the rich qualities of her soulful voice when she was four years old, singing “Victory Is Mine” in the Oaks True Holiness Church in the Lowcountry; and

Whereas, she received her first standing ovation at the age of eight when she sang CeCe Winans’ “Alabaster Box,” her first major solo, and the plaudits have not stopped; and

Whereas, when her auditions for *American Idol* for seasons nine and eleven met with disappointment, the support of her loving parents and six younger siblings, along with that of her friends, confirmed her confidence that she had the talent and poise to succeed on the reality show. Her third audition in Charlotte, North Carolina, for season twelve was met nationwide with enthusiastic recognition of her musical talent; and

Whereas, her selections during the season included a passionate rendition of Alicia Keys’ “Girl On Fire,” a powerful interpretation of Ben E. King’s “I (Who Have Nothing),” a flawless performance of Dee Dee Warwick’s “I’m Gonna Make You Love Me,” a mesmerizing version of Dionne Warwick’s “Don’t Make Me Over,” a breathtaking “Lovesong” by The Cure, an emotional interpretation of “You’ve Changed,” and her choice for her single, “I Am Beautiful”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the pride and recognition that Candice Glover has brought to the Palmetto State and honor her hard work, determination, and incredible talent that have brought her this outstanding success as the new *American Idol*. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor the incredible vocal talent of Candice Glover of Beaufort County and congratulate her for the amazing musical performances that won her the season twelve title of *American Idol*.

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

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