**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE KEVIN HAMILTON, MEMBER OF THE CHARLESTON‑BASED MUSICAL GROUP RANKY TANKY, FOR BRINGING RECOGNITION TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH HIS EFFORTS AND SUCCESS AS A PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON WINNING A GRAMMY IN THE BEST REGIONAL ROOTS MUSIC ALBUM CATEGORY AT THE SIXTY‑SECOND ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the musical group Ranky Tanky, of which Kevin Hamilton is a member, recently won a Grammy in the Best Regional Roots Music Album category for its sophomore album, *Good Time*; and

Whereas, winning a Grammy as a first‑time nominee is a strong signal of the band’s growing popularity both within the local community and beyond the borders of the State. Exceeding its own initial expectations, Ranky Tanky has performed nearly every month since its inception in outdoor venues, concert halls, theaters, and clubs and has made appearances on the *Today* show, Public Radio International’s *The World*, and National Public Radio’s *Fresh Air*; and

Whereas, initially formed in 2016, Ranky Tanky made its Lowcountry debut in April 2017. The group has managed to connect with audiences, provoke enthusiastic responses from fans, and climb music charts with its special brand of soulful folk music that incorporates jazz, gospel, and a strong foundation rooted in Gullah culture and tradition; and

Whereas, as ambassadors of Gullah culture through their music, these artists are making Grammy history with the first‑ever album of Gullah music to receive a nomination. Their win, along with the effort that went into creating their album and sharing their music, has brought the genre to the international mainstage and has spotlighted the Palmetto State’s vibrant Gullah community; and

Whereas, appreciative of his talent and skill as a musician, the House takes great pleasure in saluting Kevin Hamilton for his part in bringing positive recognition and accolades to the Palmetto State through Ranky Tanky’s many efforts and successes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and celebrate Kevin Hamilton, member of the Charleston‑based musical group Ranky Tanky, for bringing recognition to the State of South Carolina through his efforts and success as a professional musician and congratulate him on winning a Grammy in the Best Regional Roots Music Album category at the sixty‑second annual Grammy Awards.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Kevin Hamilton.

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