**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GREG ROWLES, MUSICIAN, SINGER, AND STORYTELLER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ALABAMA THEATRE AFTER TWENTY‑TWO YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PERFORMING, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned that Greg Rowles is retiring after more than two decades as a talented and very popular musician at the Alabama Theatre in North Myrtle Beach; and

Whereas, reared in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the son of a musician, some of his favorite childhood memories were the times he was able to accompany his father, Lewis, to hear him on stage in clubs around Washington, D.C. At the age of six, Greg proclaimed to his mother that he wanted to be just like his dad; and

Whereas, when Greg and his brother, Jeff, were old enough, the family formed a band called The Nashville Connection. His father was the lead singer and played lead guitar; his mother sang harmony and played rhythm guitar; Greg was on the bass guitar and Jeff on drums. They played dance halls, wedding receptions, and National Guard armories almost every Friday and Saturday night; and

Whereas, a winner of Star Search, Greg Rowles was a performer in Nashville before coming to South Carolina, having played the Grand Ole Opry and at Opryland, and he spent much of his time on the road; and

Whereas, he has performed for the Pope at the Vatican and for audiences at some of the most iconic music venues around the world; and

Whereas, Greg Rowles made his way to the Alabama Theatre in North Myrtle Beach when he was thirty‑three, and he has remained there for the past twenty‑two years, winning the devotion of countless fans to his enigmatic charm, while rearing his own family around his music career; and

Whereas, when the COVID‑19 pandemic disrupted the gathering of audiences to hear his performances, he pivoted and offered his talent to a local restaurant where he played and sang without the backup of a band, realizing that he loved that form of entertainment. Soon he was being sought far and wide; and

Whereas, after much prayer, Greg and his wife of twenty‑nine years, Brandy, decided they should strike out in this new pursuit of solo performances which promises to afford them more time together and with their adult children; and

Whereas, as of December 2021, he already had more than one hundred twenty shows scheduled from Virginia to Florida. As he begins this new pursuit back on the road, Greg Rowles feels grateful to have lived one dream already of raising his three children in a wonderful community alongside a fabulous beach while performing at The Alabama Theatre; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate take great pleasure in extending best wishes to Greg Rowles as he transitions to this new phase of his career in the days ahead and wish him many years of continued success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Greg Rowles, musician, singer, and storyteller, upon the occasion of his retirement from the Alabama Theatre after twenty‑two of outstanding performing, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Greg Rowles.

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