**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ALEXIS AIME, A SENIOR AT WADE HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL, ON BEING NAMED A FIRST‑PLACE WINNER IN THE PRESTIGIOUS BARRY ALEXANDER INTERNATIONAL VOCAL COMPETITION.

Whereas, on January 24, 2010, Wade Hampton High School senior Alexis Aime made her Carnegie Hall debut as a first‑place winner in the prestigious Barry Alexander International Vocal Competition, the only American high school student to be so honored; and

Whereas, seventeen year old Alexis began participating in theatrical performances at age eight in Columbia, her home during early childhood. A love for musical theater led to voice lessons and, eventually, a transfer of musical focus to opera, her present passion; and

Whereas, Alexis, a lyric soprano who studies voice, piano, and AP music theory, primarily at the Greenville Fine Arts Center, has demonstrated both exceptional talent and extraordinary discipline in her musical training, resulting in early national acclaim for the young classical singer; and

Whereas, most recently, she was named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts nominee, an honor conferred by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts youngARTS program. Each year, the twenty winners are recognized at a June White House ceremony and are featured in an exhibition at the Smithsonian Museum and in performance at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, truly a life‑changing experience for any young artist; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives applauds Alexis Aime for her first‑place win in the Barry Alexander International Vocal Competition and extends best wishes for much success in the Presidential Scholars Competition. The members look with interest to the unfolding of her career as she graduates from high school and begins the collegiate level of her musical studies. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Alexis Aime, a senior at Wade Hampton High School, on being named a first‑place winner in the prestigious Barry Alexander International Vocal Competition.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Alexis Aime.

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