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A house RESOLUTION

to recognize and honor karen alexander-Banks, founder and ceo of the auntie karen foundation, for her twenty-first legends of concert series.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn of the great work being done by Karen Alexander‑Banks and the Auntie Karen Foundation for residents and students across the Palmetto State through the Legends of…Concert Series; and

Whereas, a global nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable corporation, the Auntie Karen Foundation was founded on October 31, 2001, by Ms. Alexander‑Banks with a mission to create and implement a series of reproducible community outreach programs designed to empower, enlighten, and educate children and adults through the arts; and

Whereas, the Legends of…Concert Series was created to keep the legacy of African American music alive by celebrating the achievements of legendary award‑winning recording artists of jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel, and blues fame. Series events take place at the prestigious Koger Center for the Arts in Columbia; and

Whereas, the concert series is designed to not only entertain but also enrich the cultural landscape by promoting the arts as a source of inspiration and unity. The series attracts people from across the State and from neighboring states such as Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee; and

Whereas, the concert series was inaugurated in 2004 with four‑time Grammy winner Roberta Flack. The 2005 concert featured jazz artist Dianne Reeves, the 2006 concert showcased the artistry of seven‑time Grammy winning jazz vocalist Al Jarreau, and Patti Austin presented a remarkable performance in 2007; and

Whereas, since 2006, the Legends of…Concert Series has included a Legends of Master Class, a one‑day event created by Karen Alexander‑Banks in partnership with Richland School District One and the University of South Carolina School of Music; and

Whereas, other Legends of…Concert Series artists included: Joe & Take 6 (2008), George Duke & Rachelle Ferrell (2009), Ashford & Simpson (2010), Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds (2011), Ramsey Lewis & Patti Austin (2012), Gladys Knight (2013), “A Tribute to George Duke” featuring Kirk Whalum, Layla Hathaway & Jonathan Butler (2014), Chaka Kahn (2015), Al Jarreau with The South Carolina Philharmonic (2016), “A Tribute to Prince” featuring Sheila E & Morris Day and The Time (2018), the Isley Brothers (2019), Stephanie Mills & Peabo Bryson (2020), Vanessa Williams with the Colour of Music Orchestra (2021), Jeffrey Osborne & Lalah Hathaway (2022), and “A Tribute to Al Jarreau” featuring Kirk Whalum, “A Tribute to Al Jarreau” featuring Regina Belle, Chris Walker & Bob James (2023), “A Testament To Our Faith” Legends of Gospel featuring Donnie McClurkin, Marvin Sapp, and Hezekiah Walker (2024); and

Whereas, this year’s concert will take place on February 21, 2025, and is titled “21st Annual Auntie Karen Legends of…Concert with PJ Morton.” The event will celebrate twenty‑one years of dedicated service from the Auntie Karen Foundation and its volunteers, partners, and sponsors. It will honor the rich legacy of African American music while bringing world‑class performances to South Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives greatly appreciate the Auntie Karen Foundation’s focus on attracting tourism to the city of Columbia and building a vibrant and equitable cultural community. 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 honor Karen Alexander‑Banks, founder and CEO of The Auntie Karen Foundation, for her twenty‑first Legends of…Concert Series.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Karen Alexander‑Banks.

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