

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 411

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Emily Ann Roberts for becoming a finalist on Season 9 of *The Voice*.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is rich in a musical tradition that ranges from the bluegrass music of the Appalachian Mountains to country music, with its home in Nashville, to world-renowned jazz and blues music originating in Memphis, the birthplace of rock and roll; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those artists who, through their extraordinary talents, have brought and continue to bring great renown to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Emily Ann Roberts, a talented and passionate musician who was selected to be one of four finalists to appear on Season 9 of *The Voice* television show, drawing musical inspiration from the likes of Patty Loveless, Merle Haggard, Loretta Lynn, LeAnn Rimes, and The Dixie Chicks; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Karns and a junior at Karns High School, Ms. Roberts, only seventeen years old, showed exceptional courage, skill, and persistence throughout her time in the competition, becoming runner-up to winner, Jordan Smith, while landing four song renditions on *Billboard* magazine's chart; "Blame It on Your Heart," "Why Not Me," and "She's Got You," placed 43<sup>rd</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> respectively on the Hot Country Songs Chart, and "In the Garden" placed 14<sup>th</sup> on the Hot Christian Songs chart; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we honor the celebrated achievements of Emily Ann Roberts, reflecting fondly on her warm and wonderful character and her visionary artistic leadership; she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Emily Ann Roberts upon finishing runner-up on the finale of *The Voice* television show, commend her commitment to excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.