

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 769

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jake Hoot on becoming the season seventeen champion of *The Voice*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should recognize those exceptional individuals whose talent and dedication to their craft distinguish them within their field; and

WHEREAS, Jake Hoot of Cookeville is one such extraordinary talent who was recently named champion of the seventeenth season of *The Voice* on the National Broadcasting Company; and

WHEREAS, *The Voice* is a television singing competition premised on judging the raw talent of contestants during the audition phase before helping them to refine their skills with the help of one of four celebrity coaches; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2019, Mr. Hoot delivered musical star and coach Kelly Clarkson her third win in five seasons on the show; at that time, he had six songs in the Top 10 of the iTunes Country Singles chart and four songs in the Top 10 of the Overall Singles chart, with his duet of "Wintersong" with Kelly Clarkson charting at #2 on the Overall Singles chart and his cover of "Desperado" charting at #1 on both the Country Singles chart and the Overall Singles chart; and

WHEREAS, since premiering on *The Voice*, Jake Hoot has amassed over one million Apple Music streams and is preparing to make his Grand Ole Opry debut, yet another significant milestone in the career of this supremely talented musician; and

WHEREAS, Jake Hoot was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, before moving with his family to the Dominican Republic at the age of nine; at twenty years old, he moved to Tennessee and

attended Tennessee Technological University, where he was a walk-on football player before graduating in 2013 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoot is most grateful for his family, especially his four-year-old daughter, Macy; and

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in recognizing those individuals who, through hard work and great talent, elevate themselves to prominence in their chosen profession; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Jake Hoot on being crowned the champion of season seventeen of *The Voice* and extend to him our best wishes for success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.