

## House Resolution 1227

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Smith of the 129<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Karen Peck Gooch on being nominated for a Grammy award and inviting her  
2 to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the name of Karen Peck has become synonymous with Southern gospel music,  
4 and her flawless soprano voice has made its way into the hearts of gospel music lovers across  
5 the country; and

6 WHEREAS, last year she was named Female Vocalist of the Year by the Southern Gospel  
7 Guild Harmony Awards and she has garnered an unprecedented 11 Favorite Soprano Fan  
8 Awards from the readers of *Singing News* magazine, Southern gospel music's leading fan and  
9 trade publication; and

10 WHEREAS, she traveled with the Alphas Lefevres and for ten years with the recording  
11 group The Nelons, gaining the respect of industry peers and fans alike with her exceptional  
12 vocal ability and caring spirit; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1991, she and her sister Susan, and her husband Rickey, organized the  
14 musical entourage Karen Peck and New River along with current team member Devin  
15 McGlamery; and they give of their time and talent for worthy benefit concerts; and

16 WHEREAS, she has appeared with New River on such prestigious stages as The Grand Ole  
17 Opry, Opryland Theme Park, Bill and Gloria Gaither Homecoming series Dollywood, Six  
18 Flags Over Georgia, Silver Dollar City, National Quartet Convention, and Hopewell Baptist  
19 Church; and they have firmly established their place at the forefront of Southern gospel  
20 music; and

21 WHEREAS, she has traveled with New River to conduct musical ministries throughout the  
22 United States and Scotland; and

1 WHEREAS, she has set a new standard for musical perfection with rich vocal harmony that  
2 is shaded with the sophistication of Southern Gospel, country, and progressive musical  
3 sounds.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body congratulate Karen Peck Gooch on being nominated for a Grammy  
6 award and commend her outstanding contributions in the field of music ministry as a talented  
7 and successful recording artist and as an effective messenger presenting the Gospel through  
8 song.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Karen Peck Gooch is hereby invited to appear before  
10 the House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House for  
11 the purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this  
12 resolution.