

Senate Resolution 954

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd and Bethel of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending *American Idol's* Lauren Alaina; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Lauren Alaina captured America's heart when she appeared on *American Idol*
3 in 2011 and revealed her enthusiasm, humor, and warmth, as well as a commanding voice
4 with an impressive range that has been compared to the genre's premier vocalists, including
5 Carrie Underwood and Martina McBride; and

6 WHEREAS, she helped make that season of *American Idol* one of the most popular, with a
7 record-breaking 122.4 million votes cast for the finale and garnering 29.3 million viewers,
8 as well as 38.6 million who tuned in to see the winner announced; and

9 WHEREAS, she signed her record deal shortly thereafter and began recording her debut
10 album, *Wildflower*, with producer Byron Gallimore; and

11 WHEREAS, *Wildflower* is a vibrant bouquet of compelling stories, powerful emotions, and
12 soaring vocals that is as irresistible and delightful as Lauren herself; and

13 WHEREAS, she was already displaying her talent and love for singing at the age of three,
14 when, as her mother was listening to a Dixie Chicks song on the radio, Lauren was able to
15 finish singing it perfectly note for note after her mother had turned it off; and

16 WHEREAS, her first public performances were with a kids' choir and an annual vacation
17 spot that offered karaoke; and

18 WHEREAS, she won the talent competition of the Southern Stars Pageant at the age of eight,
19 was selected to perform on the kids talent stage at Chattanooga's Riverbend Festival the
20 following year, won the American Model and Talent Competition in Orlando at the age of
21 ten, beating out 1,500 other kids, and later joined the Georgia Country Gospel Music
22 Association's children's group that performed at places such as Six Flags; and

23 WHEREAS, she wrote her first song at the age of nine after her aunt was in a car accident;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, she consistently provides extraordinary entertainment as a performer on the
26 world stage, and the State of Georgia is proud that this talented musician calls this state
27 home.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Lauren Alaina on her remarkable accomplishments in the music industry and her
30 exemplary service uplifting the lives of others.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lauren Alaina.