

House Resolution 1523

By: Representatives Neal of the 1st, Dickson of the 6th, Weldon of the 3rd, and Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending *American Idol's* Lauren Alaina and inviting her to be recognized by the House
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, she won the talent competition of the Southern Stars Pageant at the age of eight,
20 was selected to perform on the kids talent stage at Chattanooga's Riverbend Festival the
21 following year, won the American Model and Talent Competition in Orlando at the age of

22 ten, beating out 1,500 other kids, and later joined the Georgia Country Gospel Music
23 Association's children's group that performed at places such as Six Flags; and

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

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Lauren Alaina on her remarkable accomplishments in
31 the music industry and her exemplary service uplifting the lives of others and invite her to
32 be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker
33 of the House of Representatives.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lauren Alaina.