

House Resolution 2058

By: Representative Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Fantasia Barrino; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Fantasia Barrino was born to Diane and Joseph Barrino on June 30, 1984, and  
3 was raised in High Point, North Carolina; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she is an American R&B singer and actress who rose to fame as the winner of  
5 the third season of the reality television series, *American Idol*, in 2004; and
- 6 WHEREAS, following her victory, Fantasia released her debut single, "I Believe," which  
7 debuted at number one on the Billboard Hot 100; subsequently, she released her debut album,  
8 *Free Yourself*, which went on to be certified Platinum by the RIAA and garnered three  
9 Grammy nominations in 2006; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in February, 2007, Fantasia appeared and performed on *American Idol* and  
11 announced that she would be starring in the lead role of Celie in the Broadway musical, *The*  
12 *Color Purple*, the hit musical based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning 1982 novel of the same  
13 name by Alice Walker; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she won her first Grammy Award for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance for  
15 her song, "Bittersweet," on February 13, 2011; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Fantasia published a memoir, dictated to a freelance writer, titled *Life Is Not a*  
17 *Fairy Tale*; in it, she revealed she is functionally illiterate and was unable to read the text of  
18 contracts she signed or to read to her then four-year-old daughter; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she has overcome countless obstacles to reach the position she now enjoys, and  
20 it only fitting and proper that her dedication and perseverance be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize and commend Fantasia Barrino for her incredible  
23 successes and express to her their most sincere best wishes for continued success and  
24 happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Fantasia Barrino.