

Senate Resolution 426

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Mallow of the 2nd, Beach of the 21st, Davenport of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating AverySunshine on winning Best Progressive R&B Album; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, known professionally as AverySunshine, Denise Nicole White has established
4 herself as a celebrated singer, songwriter, and pianist, blending R&B and soul to create music
5 that resonates with audiences worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, in recognition of her exceptional artistry and dedication to her craft,
7 AverySunshine won Best Progressive R&B Album for *So Glad to Know You*, marking both
8 her first nomination and win in this prestigious category; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Chester, Pennsylvania, AverySunshine discovered her passion for
10 music at an early age, beginning piano at eight, studying classical music by 11, and
11 expanding into jazz by 13 before performing at her first recital; and

12 WHEREAS, she refined her musical talents through her involvement with the
13 Wilmington/Chester Mass Choir, her high school choir, and Spelman College in Atlanta,
14 where she initially pursued a degree in piano before earning a degree in philosophy; and

15 WHEREAS, during college, she co-founded the Gospel and R&B duo DaisyRew with Maia
16 Nkenge Wilson, performing in Africa, churches, and Atlanta venues such as the Apache
17 Café, a platform that helped launch the careers of many notable artists; and

18 WHEREAS, after college, she served as Minister of Music at St. Paul AME Church in
19 Atlanta, where she met guitarist and producer Dana Johnson, with whom she collaborated
20 to develop her career and establish her distinctive musical identity; and

21 WHEREAS, under the name AverySunshine, she released her self-titled debut album in
22 2010, featuring collaborations with renowned musicians such as Takana Miyamoto, Roy
23 Ayers, and Christian McBride as well as earning critical acclaim from *USA Today* and *The*
24 *Washington Post*; and

25 WHEREAS, she has since performed worldwide, touring extensively across the United
26 States, the United Kingdom, Europe, and Africa, and she has contributed as a keyboardist for
27 distinguished artists such as Tyler Perry and Jennifer Holliday; and

28 WHEREAS, AverySunshine's win for Best Progressive R&B Album affirms her status as
29 one of the most dedicated and influential artists in Atlanta's music scene, placing her among
30 the greatest performers in the industry.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 congratulate AverySunshine upon winning the Best Progressive R&B Album award and
33 extend best wishes for continued success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to AverySunshine.