

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1004

By Oliver

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate folk musician and singer-songwriter Allison Russell upon winning her first GRAMMY Award.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those citizens whose devotion to craft and artistic integrity not only result in exceptional art but also inspire those throughout this State and beyond; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Allison Russell of Nashville, a folk musician and singer-songwriter who took home the Best American Roots Performance GRAMMY Award for her song "Eve Was Black" during the 66th Annual GRAMMY Awards in Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, a native of Montreal, Québec, Canada, Ms. Russell has amassed eight GRAMMY nominations over the past three years, with this year's award being her first win; in addition to her podium acceptance, she also performed on clarinet and supplied background vocals for Joni Mitchell's powerful performance of "Both Sides Now" during the televised ceremony; and

WHEREAS, prior to beginning her solo career, Allison Russell performed as a member of various music groups, including Po' Girl, Birds of Chicago, Our Native Daughters, and Sisters of the Strawberry Moon; her first solo album, *Outside Child*, was nominated for Best Americana Album, with the single, "Nightflyer," being nominated for best American Roots Performance and Best American Roots Song at the 2022 GRAMMY Awards; and

WHEREAS, her sophomore solo album, *The Returner*, was released in September 2023 and received four GRAMMY Award nominations: Best Americana Album, Best Roots Song,

Best Americana Performance, and Best Roots Performance, the latter of which she won for the single "Eve Was Black"; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many successes, she has enjoyed the love and support of her husband and Birds of Chicago bandmate, Jeremy Lindsay, and their daughter, Ida; and

WHEREAS, Allison Russell is one of her generation's finest folk artists, and her sonic and cultural contributions will undoubtedly go on to inspire generations to come; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we honor Allison Russell on this auspicious occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate folk musician and singer-songwriter Allison Russell upon receiving her first GRAMMY Award, extending to her our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.