

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Ruben Studdard, winner of the second *American Idol* competition, for his outstanding talent as a singer; and

WHEREAS, Ruben Studdard is an exceptionally gifted performer who was voted the winner of the *American Idol* show on May 21, 2003, after nearly six months of intense competition with other highly talented singers; and

WHEREAS, Ruben Studdard is a native of Birmingham, Alabama; he graduated from Huffman High School, and he studied voice at Alabama A&M University; and

WHEREAS, Ruben began singing at an early age at the Rising Star Baptist Church in Birmingham, and with a love of music nurtured since his childhood, he pursued gospel and pop music throughout high school and college; he sang with God's Gift, a local gospel group, and with Just A Few Cats, a very popular jazz and rhythm and blues group in Birmingham; his recently released first single is a stunning version of Westlife's "Flying Without Wings," and he is now working on his first album with J Records; and

WHEREAS, Ruben has a gift for delivering show-stopping renditions of songs, and he possesses a stage presence that radiates warmth; his followers eagerly look forward to his upcoming and undoubtedly successful J Records debut; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Ruben Studdard on winning the second *American Idol* competition and extend best wishes to him in his future career; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2004.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate