

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 840

WHEREAS, Maelyn Jarmon, a New York City resident who hails from Frisco, was crowned the winner of the 16th season of the singing competition *The Voice* on May 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The 26-year-old singer captured the hearts of the judges and the viewing public with her powerhouse vocals, which shined in her renditions of such hits as "The Scientist" and "Mad World"; her audition, which aired in March, went on to be one of the program's most-watched videos, with close to five million views; she continued honing her craft over the course of the competition while working with her coach, R&B superstar John Legend, and prevailed against runner-up Gyth Rigdon in the season finale, when she brought the house down by singing a live duet with musician Sarah McLachlan; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jarmon has faced adversity on her journey to fame; during her childhood, a treatment for recurring ear infections left her deaf in one ear and with impaired hearing in the other; she refused to let this setback prevent her from pursuing her dreams, and she immersed herself in singing and musical theater as a teenager; at age 17, she moved to New York City to try her skills on Broadway, and after several years on that scene, she decided to focus on creating original music; now with her trophy from *The Voice* in hand, she looks forward to releasing her first EP and booking local performances; and

WHEREAS, Maelyn Jarmon's exceptional showing on *The Voice* has distinguished her as a star on the rise, and her fans in the Lone Star State and across the country are eager to see what the future holds for this extraordinarily talented young woman; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby congratulate Maelyn Jarmon for her victory on Season 16 of *The Voice* and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Jarmon as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Paxton, Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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