

## House Resolution 1127

By: Representatives Miller of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, Willis of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Olaleye of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Crawford of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Holly of the 116<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Usher Raymond IV; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, during Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas, Usher Raymond IV brought R&B  
3 performance, connection, and spirit to the main stage as head-liner of Apple Music's halftime  
4 show; and

5 WHEREAS, a multifaceted superstar, he has significantly impacted music, fashion,  
6 philanthropy, entrepreneurship, and live performance during his more than three decade-long  
7 career; and

8 WHEREAS, beginning in 2021 at Caesar's Palace, his first Las Vegas residency not only  
9 revived the Strip post-pandemic but also set a new standard for live performance with its  
10 high-energy, immersive shows, paying tribute to R&B's ethos and the legacy of trailblazers  
11 like Sammy Davis Jr. and Josephine Baker; and

12 WHEREAS, Usher has reached global stardom with more than 80 million records sold  
13 worldwide, establishing himself as one of the best-selling music artists in history, and has  
14 been a standard-bearer for R&B since his debut at the age of 15; and

15 WHEREAS, he has achieved immense success with his albums *My Way*, *8701*, and the  
16 diamond-certified *Confessions*, earning multiple platinum certifications, nine *Billboard* Hot  
17 100 number ones, and eight Grammy awards; and

18 WHEREAS, beyond his musical achievements, Usher has made critically lauded appearances  
19 on numerous Broadway, film, and television productions as well as dedicated innumerable  
20 hours of his time and energy to his role as the founding chairman of the New Look  
21 Foundation, which has empowered more than 55,000 teens through its programming; and

22 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to music and society, Usher was granted an  
23 honorary Doctor of Music from Berklee College of Music; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished artist be appropriately  
25 honored.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Usher Raymond IV for his many  
28 outstanding artistic accomplishments and extend best wishes for future success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Usher  
31 Raymond IV.