

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY SENATOR ERDEY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Hunter Plake upon his many accomplishments and his participation on *The Voice* reality television series.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Hunter Plake on his many accomplishments and to congratulate him on his
3 outstanding performance and participation on *The Voice* reality television series.

4 WHEREAS, as a young man of twenty-one years of age, Hunter Plake has begun a
5 meteoric rise in the entertainment industry beginning with the twelfth season of *The Voice*,
6 a television reality series that seeks out unsigned singers and provides a competitive venue
7 for undiscovered talent; and

8 WHEREAS, in the "Blind Auditions" segment of the show, he wowed the judges
9 with his show-stopping vocalization of the song, "Carry On", by Fun; and

10 WHEREAS, judges Gwen Stefani, Alicia Keyes, Blake Shelton, and Adam Levine
11 were quite impressed with Hunter's performances and exceptional range, unique vocal
12 arrangements, and the emotional intensity of his delivery; and

13 WHEREAS, Hunter is also the first performer in the history of the series to have two
14 songs reach the Top 30 listing on iTunes charts before the live playoff broadcasts were aired;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, his roots in music run deep; Hunter comes from a music-oriented
17 family; his brother, Dakota, is also a talented musician and vocalist in his own right, and his
18 father, Bud, was a member of a Christian rock band named Brother, Brother; and

1 WHEREAS, Hunter and Dakota have formed their own band named P L A K E with
2 plans to release a single, "Eden", later this year; and

3 WHEREAS, his renditions of "Elastic Heart" by Sia, "With Or Without You" by U2,
4 "Dancing On My Own" by Robyn, and "Love Runs Out" by One Republic have propelled
5 Hunter high into the ether of musical stardom; and

6 WHEREAS, between the audition/selection process and show performances, Hunter
7 has experienced a roller coaster of life-changing events; he married his sweetheart, Bethany,
8 in June 2016, and they established their home in Livingston Parish only to be flooded just
9 two months later; and

10 WHEREAS, within three days, Hunter and Bethany lost their home and all their
11 belongings; and

12 WHEREAS, Hunter is a strong individual and a Christian of unfaltering faith, and
13 he and his wife moved to Lafayette to the home of his parents; and

14 WHEREAS, for Hunter, these events were minor setbacks on the road of life, and
15 he does not dwell on the past; today, with his optimistic outlook, he continues to advance his
16 music career, teaches music classes, and sings every Sunday as part of music worship service
17 at Crossroads Church in Lafayette; and

18 WHEREAS, although Hunter Plake was eliminated during the semifinal round of
19 competition, he took part in the spectacular two-hour season finale of *The Voice* on May 23,
20 2017, performing "Don't Speak" by No Doubt in a moving duet performed with his friend
21 and show coach, Gwen Stefani; and

22 WHEREAS, Hunter Plake is an unstoppable force in the music industry with a bright
23 future as a professional singer, songwriter, and producer.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 commend Hunter Plake on his many accomplishments and congratulate him on his
26 outstanding performances and participation on *The Voice* reality television series.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish
28 continued success in all future endeavors for this extraordinary talent, Hunter Plake.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
30 Hunter Plake.

