

Senate Resolution 291

By: Senators James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th, Davenport of the 44th, Mallow of the 2nd, Jones II of the 22nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, known as Wizkid, Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun is a Nigerian recording artist,
3 songwriter, and performer who has earned numerous awards, honors, and accolades for his
4 artistic work and contributions to the Nigerian music industry; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he rose to prominence in 2010 with the release of the song "Holla at Your Boy"
6 from his debut album *Superstar*, which was released in 2011; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Wizkid went global in 2016 after his collaboration with Drake, "One Dance,"
8 soared to number one in 15 countries, resulting in a multi-album deal with RCA; and
- 9 WHEREAS, on October 30, 2020, Wizkid dropped his widely anticipated project *Made in*
10 *Lagos*, which is a 14-track project featuring collaborations with H.E.R., Damian Marley,
11 Burna Boy, and several others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the record's fifth single, the Grammy-nominated "Essence," became a
13 worldwide hit, reaching number 17 in the United Kingdom and even becoming the first
14 Nigerian song to chart in the Billboard Hot 100; and

15 WHEREAS, Wizkid has further earned several endorsements with top brands, including
16 Globacom, Pepsi, Ciroc, UBA, Flutterwave, Tommy Hilfiger, Tecno, and Puma, as well as
17 a Grammy Award, BET Award, MOBO Award, and Billboard Music Award; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
19 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
21 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and commend Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun for his impressive and exemplary music
24 career and extend best wishes for future health, happiness, and success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ayodeji Ibrahim
27 Balogun.