

Senate Resolution 701

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 6th, Jones of the 10th, Beach of the 21st and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square and The Church of
2 Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for 95 years, Music & the Spoken Word, presented by The Tabernacle Choir
4 at Temple Square and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has been a beacon of
5 peace, hope, and inspiration, resonating with audiences worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, Music & the Spoken Word, originally broadcast on July 15, 1929, has remained
7 a steadfast presence, evolving from radio to television, cable, satellite, and social media
8 platforms as well as connecting people from all corners of the globe; and

9 WHEREAS, Music & the Spoken Word has received prestigious accolades, including
10 induction into the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame and the National Radio
11 Hall of Fame, which stands as testament to its enduring impact and cultural significance; and

12 WHEREAS, amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Music & the Spoken Word
13 persevered, offering solace and inspiration through its rich archive of digital performance
14 recordings and demonstrating resilience and adaptability in unprecedented times; and

15 WHEREAS, the historic collaboration on October 22, 2023, between The Tabernacle Choir
16 at Temple Square, the Morehouse College Glee Club, and the Spelman College Glee Club,
17 representing Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) from Atlanta, Georgia,
18 fostered artistic collaboration, cultural exchange, and mutual respect as well as showcased
19 the power of music to bridge communities and cultures; and

20 WHEREAS, the forthcoming collaboration in September 2024 between The Tabernacle
21 Choir at Temple Square, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the choirs of
22 Morehouse College and Spelman College promises to further strengthen bonds of friendship
23 and understanding among diverse audiences.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square and The Church of Jesus
26 Christ of Latter-day Saints for their 95 years of unwavering dedication to spreading peace,
27 hope, and inspiration through Music & the Spoken Word.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to The Tabernacle
30 Choir at Temple Square and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.