

Senate Resolution 814

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Sims of the 12th, Jones of the 10th, Merritt of the 9th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Grace Latoya Hamilton; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Grace Latoya Hamilton, known professionally as Spice, has greatly advanced
3 the representation of Jamaican female artists internationally and has recently achieved
4 recognition as the first such artist in 30 years to have a lead song become eligible for Gold
5 certification in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, during her distinguished career, Spice has consistently dominated global music
7 charts, as evidenced by her 2023 placement in the top 10 most-streamed dancehall albums
8 and songs on Spotify and her consistent presence on the *Billboard* Reggae Albums chart; and

9 WHEREAS, she has long been recognized by her fellow artists and fans as a trailblazer,
10 pioneer, and trendsetter in the dancehall music scene whose many accolades and awards
11 speak volumes to her enduring impact on the industry; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to her numerous honors, she holds distinction as the first Jamaican
13 female artist to be interviewed by *Forbes* magazine; and

14 WHEREAS, through the establishment of the Grace Hamilton Women's Empowerment
15 Foundation, Spice has provided essential scholarships and mentorship opportunities aimed
16 at uplifting and empowering women; and

17 WHEREAS, she has not only left an indelible mark on the dancehall genre but also has
18 distinguished herself as a highly successful artist, entrepreneur, and businesswoman; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize and commend Grace Latoya Hamilton for her many wonderful decades of
23 exemplary artistic accomplishments and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
24 health and happiness.

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 Grace Latoya
27 Hamilton.