HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER, PROMINENT CHARACTER PORTRAYALS AND ARTISTIC ACCOLADES OF SIMBI KHALI.

WHEREAS, Simbi Khali, a critically acclaimed American actress, was born on April 28, 1971, in Jackson, Mississippi, and has dedicated her life to the arts and excellently performed in many comedic, daring and powerful roles, bringing a sense of recognition and realism to each and every character she has portrayed; and

WHEREAS, from a very young age, Simbi was determined to amass a wealth of knowledge about acting and how to succeed in the acting and performing arts community, which prompted her to attend the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, where her natural gift was nurtured to hone her craft and ushered her along a thespian's path to receive her acting degree from the California Institute of the Arts, where she studied, trained and performed with some of the world's most renowned artists; and

WHEREAS, Simbi began acting in 1994, and since that time, she has played prominent parts in many television shows, including

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3rd Rock from the Sun, perhaps her best known role because she brought belly-laughter inducing hilarity and clever, quick wit to the show as Nina Campbell and recurred in 134 episodes, and Martin, where she brought a pop of pizzazz to the character of Laquita and recurred in four episodes as one of the infamous Sheneneh Jenkins' best girl pals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to 3rd Rock from the Sun and Martin, Simbi has also appeared in The Sinbad Show, She TV, Men in Black: The Series, Masquerade, That '80s Show, The Bernie Mac Show, Special Agent Oso and Weeds; and

WHEREAS, Simbi's artistic professionalism, dramatizable portrayals and creative potential helped her garner inspirational performances in several popular feature films, including Vampire in Brooklyn, A Thin Line Between Love and Hate, Plump Fiction, We Were Soldiers and Mississippi Damned; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure in Hollywood, Simbi has remained grounded and in tune with her Mississippi roots, and her remarkable and realistic character portrayals in many television shows and movies have truly brought honor to this great Magnolia State; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to recognize and commend the magnificent artistic contributions that exceptional Mississippians such as Simbi Khali provide to the citizens of the State of Mississippi:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the distinguished career, prominent character portrayals and many artistic accolades of Simbi Khali and extend to her most sincere wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Simbi Khali, the family of Simbi Khali and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.