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Honoring and congratulating Jazmine Sullivan for winning the 2021 BET Soul Train Music Award for Best New Album, for her critically acclaimed EP, *Heaux Tales*.

WHEREAS, Jazmine Sullivan, a North Philadelphia native, hailing from the Strawberry Mansion neighborhood, began singing contralto in her church's children's choir; and

WHEREAS, Jazmine graduated from Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts with a major in vocal music in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Jasmine's first album, *Fearless*, released in 2008 and co-executive produced by hitmaker Missy Elliot, reached gold certification with four hit singles including "Need U Bad" and "Bust Your Windows", both of which registered on the Billboard Top 100 Chart; and

WHEREAS, After a nearly six-year hiatus, Jasmine released *Heaux Tales* on January 8, 2021, with first-week sales of 42,000 copies, debuting at number four on the US *Billboard* 200 chart, becoming her highest-peaking album; and

WHEREAS, *Heaux Tales*, an innovative storytelling work with songs punctuated with true life vignettes recorded by family and friends and includes high-profile collaborations with performers H.E.R. and Ari Lennox; and

WHEREAS, The album also includes the smash hit and Jazmine's first ever Gold Single, "Pick up Your Feelings", which was featured on former President Barack Obama's much-discussed Summer 2021 playlist; and

WHEREAS, Jazmine gained even more exposure after singing the National Anthem at this year's Super Bowl LV with country singer Eric Church; and

WHEREAS, Entering the 2022 award season, Jazmine has earned a total of six Soul Train Award nominations, also taking home the award for Best Female R&B/Soul performer, and three Grammy nominations; and

WHEREAS, Jazmine continues to inspire a new generation of young women with raw talent that highlights vulnerability, self-love, and the strength of Black women; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and congratulates Jazmine Sullivan for winning the 2021 BET Soul Train Music Award for Best New Album, for her critically acclaimed EP, *Heaux Tales*.