

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Vanessa "Gal Holiday" Niemann upon her 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.

WHEREAS, established in 1976, the Louisiana Folklife Center is a research facility that serves as an archival repository of eight hundred artist and subject files, one thousand five hundred audio recordings, one hundred videotapes, a growing print library of books and periodicals, and five thousand photographs; these resources have been used by CBS Evening News, Turner Broadcasting Company, and Louisiana Public Broadcasting and other individuals, groups, and agencies; its faculty also coordinates the Natchitoches-Northwestern State University Folklife Festival; and

WHEREAS, an agency of Northwestern State University, the Center's mission is to identify, document, and present Louisiana's rich history of folklore and folklife; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian-born songstress Vanessa Niemann, better known as "Gal Holiday", is sometimes called "the punk rock Patsy Cline", and she has embraced the sounds of Louisiana's folklife; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa has lent her powerful voice and magnetic stage presence to musical projects in New Orleans, across the United States, and around the world, having shared the stage with musical giants like Willie Nelson, Marcia Ball, and the Blind Boys of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa and the Honky Tonk Revue have played at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival for years and have received Big Easy and Best of the Beat awards; in 2017, she was nominated for an Ameripolitan Award in the category of Honky Tonk Female, and in 2018, Gal Holiday (Vanessa's stage name) won Best of the Beat for

Best Country/Folk/Singer-Songwriter Artist; her album "Lost and Found" also won Best Country/Folk/Singer-Songwriter from *Offbeat Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa "Gal Holiday" Niemann has made the music of her adopted state of Louisiana her own and she merits a special measure of commendation upon her 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Vanessa "Gal Holiday" Niemann upon her 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists; does hereby congratulate her on the numerous awards and accolades she has received for her musical achievements; and does hereby extend to her every good wish for continued success, prosperity, and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Vanessa Niemann.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES