

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVES MAGEE AND TURNER

A RESOLUTION

To commend The Elephant 6 Collective for its contributions to music and the music industry.

WHEREAS, The Elephant 6 Collective, also known as The Elephant Six Recording Company or Elephant 6, is a musical collective of more than fifty acts from the United States; among these acts are several notable bands including The Apples in Stereo, Circulatory System, Elf Power, the Minders, Neutral Milk Hotel, of Montreal, and The Olivia Tremor Control; and

WHEREAS, The Elephant 6 Collective began in Ruston, Louisiana, in the late 1980s as an occasional name used to denote the home recordings made by high school friends Bill Doss, Will Cullen Hart, Jeff Mangum, and Robert Schneider; after high school, Schneider formed the band The Apples in Stereo, and Doss, Hart, and Mangum formed The Olivia Tremor Control; Mangum also independently formed Neutral Milk Hotel, rounding off the three bands that served as the basis for the collective; and

WHEREAS, Elephant 6 quickly gained notoriety in the music industry and began welcoming a number of new bands from a wide range of musical genres; the collective adopted Athens, Georgia, and Denver, Colorado, as its hub cities and experienced its peak years of activity during the mid-to-late 1990s; and

WHEREAS, although the acts that make up The Elephant 6 Collective hail from many different musical backgrounds, they all share an interest in the psychedelic pop music of the 1960s; many acts take particular influence from bands such as The Beach Boys, The Beatles, and The Zombies; and

WHEREAS, The Elephant 6 Collective remains incredibly impactful in the contemporary music scene as they laid the blueprint for many bands on how to maximize production while preserving the aesthetic of an individual album; they are most deserving of the highest recognition for their incredible contributions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend The Elephant Six Collective for its contributions to music and the music industry and does hereby express great pride in the collective's Louisiana roots.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES