

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Bryson "Cupid" Bernard, creator of the "Cupid Shuffle".

WHEREAS, Bryson "Cupid" Bernard is a singer and songwriter from Lafayette, Louisiana, who is best known for his 2007 line dance single, "Cupid Shuffle"; and

WHEREAS, Cupid discovered his passion for music after receiving encouragement from his pastor father to join his church's choir; he earned the nickname "Cupid" after showing off his five-octave vocal range during an impressive performance of the band 112's late-1990s hit single "Cupid"; and

WHEREAS, prior to pursuing a career in music, Cupid enrolled at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a full athletic scholarship in track and field; he left the track team to form a singing group before pursuing a solo career in the music industry; he sang in a variety of settings including talent shows, weddings, and funerals; and

WHEREAS, Cupid earned his first radio air play with his self-released single, "Do Ya Thang" in 2001, and his second self-released album, 2005's *The King of Down South R&B*, played on radio stations across the southeastern United States; and

WHEREAS, Cupid signed with Atlantic Records in January 2007, shortly before the release of his third album, *Time For a Change*; his first single from that album was "Cupid Shuffle", which peaked at number sixty-six on the *Billboard* Hot 100 and number twenty-one on the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart; since its release, the song has gone double platinum; and

WHEREAS, Cupid broke the Guinness World Record for the largest line dance ever assembled after gathering seventeen thousand people in Atlanta during Ebony's Black Family Reunion Tour in 2008; his music is also featured in a number of major motion pictures including *Step Up 2: The Streets*, *P.S. I Love You*, *Nancy Drew*, and more; and

WHEREAS, Bryson "Cupid" Bernard is a truly incredible individual with an inspiring degree of talent and passion for music; he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his many professional accomplishments and for proudly representing Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bryson "Cupid" Bernard, creator of the "Cupid Shuffle" and does hereby express sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in his endeavors as his work has brought great pride to Lafayette Parish and the state of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES