

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 199

BY SENATORS FIELDS, CONNICK AND FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To declare "Callin' Baton Rouge" as performed by Garth Brooks as the Official Welcome Song of the LSU Fighting Tigers football team.

WHEREAS, Garth Brooks remains the number one selling solo artist in United States history certified by the Recording Industry Association of America; and

WHEREAS, Garth Brooks is a seven-time Country Music Association (CMA) Entertainer of the Year Award recipient, has earned the esteemed Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song, and is an honoree of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts celebrating not only his talents as an artist, but also his successes as a steward of this land throughout the generations; and

WHEREAS, Garth Brooks' repertoire of chart-topping music includes a song he released in 1993, titled "Callin' Baton Rouge"; and

WHEREAS, that little up-tempo, bluegrass-sounding tune has become part of the history, culture, and fabric of famed Tiger Stadium, home of the four-time World Champion LSU Fighting Tigers; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of April 30, 2022, Garth Brooks played that little old song to a record-breaking 102,000 adoring fans in Tiger Stadium, causing the seismic roar that today is known as "Garthquake"; and

WHEREAS, inside the LSU campus cathedral of football during the NCAA season, the raucous crowd welcomes the boys in purple and gold with the unofficial anthem of the LSU Tigers, "Callin' Baton Rouge"; and

WHEREAS, just as Garth Brooks asked the Tiger Stadium crowd on April 30, 2022, "Is it time?", just before launching into his spirited version of "Callin' Baton Rouge", "It is time" to declare Garth Brooks' version of "Callin' Baton Rouge" the Official Welcome Song of the National Champion LSU Tigers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare "Callin' Baton Rouge" as performed by the great Garth Brooks as the Official Welcome Song of the LSU Fighting Tigers football team.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE