HLS 19RS-958 ORIGINAL

2019 Regular Session

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Vanessa "Gal Holiday" Niemann on her 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend Vanessa "Gal Holiday" Niemann upon her 2019 induction into the Louisiana
3	Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.
4	WHEREAS, established in 1976, the Louisiana Folklife Center is a research facility
5	that serves as an archival repository of eight hundred artist and subject files, one thousand
6	five hundred audio recordings, one hundred videotapes, a growing print library of books and
7	periodicals, and five thousand photographs; these resources have been used by CBS Evening
8	News, Turner Broadcasting Company, and Louisiana Public Broadcasting and other
9	individuals, groups, and agencies; its faculty also coordinates the Natchitoches-Northwestern
10	State University Folklife Festival; and
11	WHEREAS, an agency of Northwestern State University, the Center's mission is to
12	identify, document, and present Louisiana's rich history of folklore and folklife; and
13	WHEREAS, Appalachian-born songstress Vanessa Niemann, better known as "Gal
14	Holiday", is sometimes called "the punk rock Patsy Cline", and she has embraced the sounds
15	of Louisiana's folklife; and
16	WHEREAS, Vanessa has lent her powerful voice and magnetic stage presence to
17	musical projects in New Orleans, across the United States, and around the world, having
18	shared the stage with musical giants like Willie Nelson, Marcia Ball, and the Blind Boys of
19	Alabama; and
20	WHEREAS, Vanessa and the Honky Tonk Revue have played at the New Orleans
21	Jazz and Heritage Festival for years and have received Big Easy and Best of the Beat

ORIGINAL

HLS 19RS-958 HR NO. 6

- 1 awards; in 2017, she was nominated for an Ameripolitan Award in the category of Honky
- 2 Tonk Female, and in 2018, Gal Holiday (Vanessa's stage name) won Best of the Beat for
- 3 Best Country/Folk/Singer-Songwriter Artist; her album "Lost and Found" also won Best
- 4 Country/Folk/Singer-Songwriter from Offbeat Magazine; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Vanessa "Gal Holiday" Niemann has made the music of her adopted
- 6 state of Louisiana her own and she merits a special measure of commendation upon her 2019
- 7 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.
- 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
- 9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Vanessa "Gal Holiday" Niemann upon her
- 10 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists; does hereby
- 11 congratulate her on the numerous awards and accolades she has received for her musical
- 12 achievements; and does hereby extend to her every good wish for continued success,
- 13 prosperity, and happiness in the future.
- 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 15 to Vanessa Niemann.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HR 6 Original

2019 Regular Session

Cox

Commends Vanessa Niemann on her 2019 induction into the La. Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.