

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Tab Benoit on his 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Tab Benoit upon his 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall  
3 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, a foundational music genre of Louisiana's folklife is the blues, and  
14 Houma native Tab Benoit is known worldwide for his blues singing and guitar playing,  
15 which began in his teen years; Benoit is a regular at the Blues Box in Baton Rouge, where  
16 he learned from blues legends Tabby Thomas, Raful Neal, and Henry Gray; and

17 WHEREAS, Tab Benoit formed a trio in 1987 that toured across the United States;  
18 he received a Grammy nomination in 2006 for his album, *Brother to the Blues* in the  
19 category of Best Traditional Blues Album, and has been recognized as a B.B. King  
20 Entertainer of the Year and named by the Blues Music Awards as their Contemporary Blues  
21 Male Artist winner; and

1           WHEREAS, in 2010, Tab Benoit was inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of  
2 Fame; and

3           WHEREAS, Tab's earnest concern about the erosion of the wetlands in southern  
4 Louisiana drove him to establish Voice of the Wetlands in 2004; the volunteer-based  
5 nonprofit organization, composed of local artists and business leaders, champions the  
6 conservation of Louisiana's coastal wetlands, and for his efforts, Tab Benoit received the  
7 governor's award for Conservationist of the Year in 2010; and

8           WHEREAS, Tab Benoit is counted among Louisiana's best music artists, and he has  
9 demonstrated his love for his native state in his actions to conserve her coastal wetlands; Tab  
10 Benoit merits a special measure of commendation upon his 2019 induction into the  
11 Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.

12           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tab Benoit upon his 2019 induction into the  
14 Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists; does hereby congratulate him for a  
15 lifetime of musicianship and musical achievements; does hereby recognize and applaud his  
16 efforts to conserve and preserve the coastal wetlands of the state; and does hereby extend to  
17 him every good wish for continued success, prosperity, and happiness in the future.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
19 to Tab Benoit.

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DIGEST

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