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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 216

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Tonya Boyd-Cannon for her accomplishments

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Tonya Boyd-Cannon for her accomplishments.
3	WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize New Orleans' soul vocalist, Tonya Boyd-
4	Cannon, and to commend her for an accomplished career as a recording artist; and
5	WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd-Cannon was born in Mississippi and raised in Louisiana; she
6	is the daughter of a preacher, and her upbringing introduced her to the music scene at a very
7	early age; and
8	WHEREAS, while much of Ms. Boyd-Cannon's formative musical experience came
9	through her participation in middle school and high school band and through auditory
10	observation, she is also a classically trained vocalist that is currently studying vocal
11	performance at a university; and
12	WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd-Cannon's first professional experience in the music industry
13	was as a background vocalist for Jean Knight, singer of the 1970s hit single "Mr. Big Stuff";
14	in addition to this, she has also worked as a music vocal coach, educator, creative arts
15	teacher, and minister of music; she is also credited with creating the first male and female
16	mass choir at the Orleans Parish Prison; and
17	WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd-Cannon's voice is described as a "rare contralto voice, almost
18	identical to that of a countertenor"; her talent earned her a victory at the 2010 "Budweiser's:
19	Battle for the Crown" contest and gave her the opportunity to open for Anthony Hamilton
20	and KEM & Jaheim; and

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1	WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd-Cannon performed at Alabama's "Bayfest" in 2011 and 2012,
2	and she also performed with the Stooges Brass Band at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage
3	Festival and the Essence Music Festival; her performance at the Essence Music Festival led
4	to an impromptu on-stage performance with Grammy-award winning rapper-songwriter Eve;
5	and
6	WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd-Cannon also competed on the NBC Emmy-winning show,
7	"The Voice", as a member of Adam Levine's team; she placed in the top twenty and returned
8	to New Orleans to continue her musical career; she is most deserving of the highest
9	recognition for her incredible career.
10	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tonya Boyd-Cannon for her
12	accomplishments and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue to dedicate
13	herself to her vocal craft and enjoy many future successes.
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
15	Tonya Boyd-Cannon.

DIGEST

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