

House Resolution 962

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Carpenter of the 4th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Tran of the 80th, Miller of the 62nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Asa Bantan; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Asa Bantan, a distinguished Bouyon artist from Grandbay, Dominica, launched
3 his influential solo career in 2000 with the debut single "Jahcrew Making Another Track,"
4 marking the beginning of a remarkable musical journey; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 2010, he achieved significant popularity in the French Antilles, Dutch St.
6 Maarten, and his homeland, leading to a pivotal shift in his career as he dedicated himself
7 entirely to music; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Asa made an impactful debut on the World Creole Music Festival Stage in
9 2012, subsequently becoming a staple and highly anticipated performer at the festival; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his hit song "Wet Fete" has resonated with audiences globally, granting him the
11 well-deserved title of "The Wet Fete King" and solidifying his status in the international
12 music scene; and

13 WHEREAS, deeply rooted in the essence of his culture, his music draws inspiration from
14 notable artists such as Vybz Kartel, Twins of Twins, and Spragga Benz, reflecting a blend
15 of contemporary sounds and social commentary; and

16 WHEREAS, through his international performances, Asa Bantan not only showcases Bouyon
17 music but also proudly represents Dominica, earning him the affectionate title of the Bouyon
18 Boss; and

19 WHEREAS, his dedication to community service is exemplified by initiatives like the
20 "Change for Change" program, aimed at supporting families in need across Dominica, and
21 his commitment to local development in Grandbay; and

22 WHEREAS, his appointment as a Goodwill Ambassador for Dominica in 2020 and his
23 receipt of the Meritorious Service Award in 2023 are testaments to his cultural contributions
24 and social commitment; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished artist be appropriately
26 honored.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Asa Bantan for his many outstanding
29 artistic accomplishments as well as extend best wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Asa
32 Bantan.