

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing John Michael Montgomery.

2 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body pause to recognize those performing  
3 artists in this Commonwealth who have had a profound impact on their industry, and  
4 whose legacy creates a touchstone for future generations of Kentucky musicians; and

5 WHEREAS, John Michael Montgomery is one such artist, and on this day the  
6 members recognize his many achievements in country music and honor him as a  
7 Kentucky artist of the highest order; and

8 WHEREAS, John Michael Montgomery is a native son of this Commonwealth,  
9 having been born in Danville and raised in Nicholasville; and

10 WHEREAS, John Michael Montgomery grew up in a musical family, being the  
11 brother of Eddie Montgomery, one half of the famed country music duo Montgomery  
12 Gentry; and

13 WHEREAS, styling himself as a singer of "working man's country" and singing  
14 songs that reflected his Kentucky roots, John Michael Montgomery was signed to  
15 Atlantic Records, and in 1992 his debut album, *Life's a Dance*, was released; and

16 WHEREAS, the single "Life's a Dance" peaked at number four on the Hot Country  
17 Charts, and it was followed by John Michael Montgomery's first number one hit, "I Love  
18 the Way You Love Me"; and

19 WHEREAS, John Michael Montgomery would score again with another number  
20 one off his second album, *Kickin' It Up: "I Swear,"* which hit number one on the country  
21 charts and number forty-two on the pop charts; and

22 WHEREAS, "Be My Baby Tonight" and "If You've Got Love" also hit number one,  
23 and "I Swear" found a new audience after it was covered by the pop group All-4-One; and

24 WHEREAS, John Michael Montgomery continued to make hit records after his  
25 early success, including 2002's *Pictures* under the Warner Brothers label, which featured  
26 the single "Til Nothing Comes Between Us"; and

27 WHEREAS, in 2008, John Michael Montgomery formed his own record label,

1 Stringtown Records, and he continues to perform around the world; and

2 WHEREAS, the members of this august body pay tribute to one of Kentucky's  
3 finest musical artists on this day, John Michael Montgomery, and acknowledge his  
4 extraordinary career in the country music industry; and

5 WHEREAS, in so doing, the members pay tribute to the family tradition of music  
6 and performance that John Michael Montgomery and his son Walker proudly carry on,  
7 and acknowledge the Kentucky roots that formed the backbone of John Michael  
8 Montgomery's musical style;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

10 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
11 *Kentucky:*

12 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize Kentucky's own John  
13 Michael Montgomery, and honor him on this day for his legendary career in the country  
14 music industry.

15 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in recognition of John  
16 Michael Montgomery.

17 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
18 Resolution to Senator Tom Buford for delivery.