

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER AND BROSSETT

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Rebirth Brass Band upon winning a Grammy Award for Best Regional Roots Music Album.

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2012, in Los Angeles, California, at the Fifty-Fourth Annual Grammy Awards, the Rebirth Brass Band's album, *Rebirth of New Orleans*, won the first ever Grammy for Best Regional Roots Music Album; and

WHEREAS, the Rebirth Brass Band's historic victory in this brand new Grammy category paves the way for Louisiana musicians to receive this prestigious recognition and gain worldwide exposure in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Rebirth Brass Band's unforgettable live performances and recorded albums have inspired the people of not only their community, their state, and their country, but also the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rebirth Brass Band's music is at once a favorite among locals and an entry point for cultural enthusiasts not accustomed to the New Orleans music scene; and

WHEREAS, the Rebirth Brass Band was formed in 1983 and has been integral to the late twentieth century revival of New Orleans brass bands; and

WHEREAS, the Rebirth Brass Band has infused traditional brass band music with funk, thus leaving a lasting impression on the history of music and the history of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the Rebirth Brass Band's name captures the essence of their contributions to the city of New Orleans; their music has been nothing short of the rhythmic pulse of the city's inspiring renewal and recovery; and

WHEREAS, during this momentous period in Louisiana history, the degree to which Rebirth's music plays in the hearts of a nation correlates to the degree to which Americans understand that the world would forever be at a loss without New Orleans and South Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Rebirth Brass Band's snare drummer, Derrick Tabb, deserves special commendation for founding and operating the Roots of Music, a nonprofit after school music program and marching band that has channeled the energy of hundreds of children from throughout the city of New Orleans into playing music and continuing the unique musical traditions of the Crescent City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends the Rebirth Brass Band upon winning the first Grammy for Best Regional Roots Music Album, hereby recognizes the members of the band for their remarkable musical accomplishments and unique talents, and hereby expresses to them enduring gratitude for the immeasurable pride and honor that they bring to the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Rebirth Brass Band.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES