

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 214

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Rodney Harrington upon his 2018 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Folklife Center is an agency of Northwestern State University of Louisiana and was established in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Folklife Center is to identify, document, and present Louisiana's rich history of folklore and folklife, and the center serves as an archival repository for many folklife materials; and

WHEREAS, the Hall of Master Folk Artists, which was started in 1981, currently has more than one hundred distinguished inducted honorees in celebration of Louisiana's vibrant and diverse folk culture; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Harrington has been involved in Louisiana music for more than thirty years and has been the front man for Johnny Earthquake and The Moondogs since the band's beginnings nearly twenty-five years ago; The Moondogs have gained fame for their eclectic and unique Louisiana sound and have been called "quite simply, Louisiana's best show band" by music critics; and

WHEREAS, Rodney is proud of his Natchitoches and Pelican State roots; he has written and recorded *Cane River Blues*, *Reflections on the Cane*, and *This Is Our Town*, odes to the area and its music and culture; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Harrington serves on the boards of music-related charities and works tirelessly to raise funds to buy musical instruments for school children; he has promoted and produced concerts and musical events, is a twenty-two year member of the Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Festival, and serves as the festival's chairman; and

WHEREAS, the syndicated radio program, *Jammin' With Johnny – The Johnny Earthquake Show*, has been on the air for nearly twenty years, with Rodney as the host; it is the only radio show in north Louisiana that regularly features live local and area musicians; Rodney Harrington merits a special measure of commendation upon his 2018 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Rodney Harrington upon his 2018 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists; does hereby congratulate him on his musicianship, musical achievements, and philanthropy; and does hereby extend to him every good wish for continued success, prosperity, and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Rodney Harrington.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES