

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 280

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER, BAGLEY, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, PHELPS,
PRESSLY, AND SEABAUGH

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Kenny Wayne Shepherd and his musical legacy on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary tour of the release of "Trouble Is ..."

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Kenny Wayne Shepherd and his musical legacy on the occasion of the twenty-
3 fifth anniversary tour of the release of "Trouble Is ...".

4 WHEREAS, Kenny Wayne Shepherd was born in Shreveport and graduated from
5 Caddo Magnet High School; he is a completely self-taught guitarist, singer, and songwriter;
6 though he does not read music; he has sold millions of albums world wide; and

7 WHEREAS, the blues prodigy signed with Giant records at the age of sixteen; his
8 first release, *Ledbetter Heights*, reached number one on the U.S. Blues charts and the record
9 was certified platinum; and

10 WHEREAS, two years later, he topped the U.S. Blues charts yet again with his
11 sophomore release, *Trouble is...*, and the album was certified platinum, selling over
12 1,000,000 copies; this album contained four top ten hits: *Slow Ride*; *Somehow, Somewhere*,
13 *Someway*; *Everything is Broken*; and *Blue on Black*; and

14 WHEREAS, *Blue on Black* spent one hundred four weeks on the Billboard charts and
15 was a number one rock hit; Kenny Wayne Shepherd won Rock Song of the Year from
16 Billboard Music Awards and received his first Grammy nomination for the song; and

17 WHEREAS, since then, he has been nominated for four more Grammy Awards; he
18 has won two Orville Gibson Awards, the Blues Foundation's Keeping the Blues Alive
19 Award, and two Blues Music Awards; he reached number one with nine of his blues albums
20 and charted thirteen mainstream rock hit singles; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2022, blues fans in select markets were able to see the Kenny Wayne
2 Shepherd Band perform *Trouble is... Twenty-fifth Anniversary Tour*, including the smash hit
3 *Blue on Black*; and

4 WHEREAS, the tour began on February 12, 2022, at the Strand Theatre in
5 Shreveport where the band had celebrated their inaugural release of the album in 1997; this
6 show was streamed on the internet; and

7 WHEREAS, the twenty-fifth anniversary tour will benefit Northwest Louisiana
8 Family Justice Center and Providence House; Northwest Louisiana Family Justice Center
9 is a service center for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; Providence House
10 is a homeless shelter for families with children; and

11 WHEREAS, Kenny Wayne Shepherd is an astonishing musician whose
12 entertainment catalog alone is noteworthy, but he is most deserving of recognition for his
13 efforts in supporting two invaluable community service centers that give help and hope to
14 those in need in the northwest corner of the great state of Louisiana.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Kenny Wayne Shepherd for his incredible
17 talent as a Louisiana musician and artist; does hereby commend him for his musical legacy
18 as well as his charitable outreach; does hereby congratulate him on his twenty-fifth
19 anniversary tour of his album *Trouble is...*; and does hereby express great pride in the
20 accomplishments of this son of the city of Shreveport and the state of Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
22 Kenny Wayne Shepherd.

DIGEST

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Glover

Commends Kenny Wayne Shepherd and his musical legacy on the occasion of the 25th anniversary tour of the release of "Trouble Is ...".