

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience for winning the 2014 Grammy Award in the category Best Regional Roots Music Album for his recording *Dockside Sessions*.

WHEREAS, Louisiana is such a hotbed of original music that it can boast of 2014 Grammy nominations for Allen Toussaint for Best Americana Album and Best American Roots Song; Bobby Rush for Best Blues Album; Terrance Simien, the Hot 8 Brass Band; Zachary Richard for Best Regional Roots Music Album; Terence Blanchard for Best Improvised Jazz Solo; Hunter Hayes for Best Country Solo Performance; Bishop Paul S. Morton for Best Gospel Album; PJ Morton for Best R&B song; Tim McGraw for Best Country Album; a posthumous lifetime achievement award to "King of Zydeco" Clifton Chenier; and nominations for numerous other Louisiana musicians who made appearances on various other Grammy-nominated recordings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simien's 2014 win for Best Regional Roots Music Album is his second Grammy award, the first being for Best Zydeco or Cajun Music Album in 2008; Louisiana musicians hold the distinction of winning the regional roots category in all three years since the category was recognized; and

WHEREAS, the community of Louisiana musicians is such a close-knit group and homegrown music so pervasive in the state that Louisiana holds its "Only in Louisiana" Grammy brunch annually during the week of festivities to honor its many native nominees, hosted by Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Simien accepted his Grammy for Best Regional Roots Album, he dedicated his win to his wife and manager, Cynthia, and to his recently deceased mother, Ethel Simien; extended personal thanks to the Recording Academy for recognizing Clifton Chenier with the Grammy's Special Merit Award; and acknowledged that *Dockside Sessions* is the tenth Grammy-winning album recorded at Dockside Studios in Maurice, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simien further showed not only his musical but his ambassador chops by inviting all music fans to visit Lafayette to hear some Zydeco; and

WHEREAS, because it is impossible to hear the unique beat of Louisiana's Zydeco music without wanting to get up and dance, Mr. Simien would want the above-mentioned nominees to be recognized and share in his achievement, which honors Louisiana as a cultural cauldron of unique and celebrated musical genres.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana, together with her fortunate citizens, heartily celebrates with Terrance Simien the recognition of music that could come from only one place, the great state of Louisiana, and does hereby commend and congratulate him and his band for winning the 2014 Grammy Award for Best Regional Roots Album.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Terrance Simien.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES