

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR PERRY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends The Band Courtbouillon upon winning a 2013 Grammy Award.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend The Band Courtbouillon for winning the Grammy Award for Best Regional
3 Roots album at the 55th Annual Grammy Awards.

4 WHEREAS, The Band Courtbouillon of Valcour Records is a cajun band from
5 Lafayette, Louisiana, that consists of Wayne Toups of Crowley, Louisiana, Steve Riley of
6 Mamou, Louisiana, and Wilson Savoy of Eunice, Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, Wayne Toups, age fifty-five, first picked up an accordion when he was
8 thirteen and quickly began winning local accordion contests; he has combined cajun music,
9 zydeco, rhythm and blues, and rock into a genre he calls zydecajun; and

10 WHEREAS, Wayne sings in both English and French and was inducted into the
11 Louisiana Music Hall of Fame in 2010; in 2011, he entered both the Gulf Coast Hall of Fame
12 and the Cajun French Music Hall of Fame; and

13 WHEREAS, Steve Riley, age forty-three, began playing accordion when he was
14 thirteen, and enjoyed a three-year apprenticeship playing accordion in the band of fiddle-
15 playing cajun legend Dewey Balfa; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1991, Steve started his own band, Steve Riley and The Mamou
17 Playboys, who have recorded seven albums, won countless awards, and have been
18 nominated for three Grammy Awards; he is widely considered one of the world's premier

1 accordion players; and

2 WHEREAS, Wilson Savoy began his musical career in 2000 with the Savoy Family
3 Band, consisting of his father Marc, mother Ann, and brother Joel Savoy; he has played
4 accordion for most of his life, having been given as a child a hand-built accordion by his
5 father; and

6 WHEREAS, Wilson has taught cajun music ensemble at the University of Louisiana
7 at Lafayette for three years and continues to teach one-on-one lessons through the university,
8 all through the Tommy Comeaux Endowment; and

9 WHEREAS, the band's 2011 debut album, *The Band Courtbouillon*, won the
10 Grammy Award, the highest honor a recording act can receive for outstanding achievement
11 in the music industry, for Best Regional Roots album at the 55th Annual Grammy Awards,
12 on February 10, 2013; and

13 WHEREAS, the album consists of fourteen songs with a mix of new songs and some
14 classic cajun hits; and

15 WHEREAS, The Band Courtbouillon is only the second cajun band to win a
16 Grammy, following in the footsteps of BeauSoleil, who won a Grammy for Best Traditional
17 Folk album in 1997; and

18 WHEREAS, in April 2013, The Band Courtbouillon was awarded the key to the city
19 of Lafayette by Mayor Joey Durel; and

20 WHEREAS, The Band Courtbouillon merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of
21 commendation for their outstanding professional achievements and for the tremendous honor
22 and pride that they bring to their family, friends, and community, the state of Louisiana, and
23 all who know them.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
25 does hereby commend The Band Courtbouillon upon winning their first Grammy award at
26 the 55th Grammy Awards, does hereby recognize their exceptional accomplishments and
27 manifold contributions to the cajun and folk music industry, does hereby record for posterity
28 the extraordinary careers they have had thus far, and does hereby extend to them every good
29 wish for continued success, prosperity, and happiness in the future.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to The

1 Band Courtbouillon.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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