

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 208

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Alex Harvey for his lifetime of achievements.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly should pay homage to those inspirational artists who create pure and passionate music; and

WHEREAS, Alex Harvey is an exemplary songwriter who has inspired and uplifted audiences with his unique lyrical and musical style for decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey was born and raised in Haywood County and still calls Haywood County home; and

WHEREAS, Alex Harvey was initially best known as a pop music artist in Europe before being recognized in the United States as a songwriter; and

WHEREAS, he has achieved great success over the years as a songwriter, selling more than eighty million recordings, including the song, "Delta Dawn," which is noted as one of the Top Ten country music songs of all time; he wrote the official Texas state ballad, "No Place But Texas," and, in 1993, he received a nomination to the Music Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Alex Harvey recorded four albums for Capitol Records and three albums for Buddah Records, and he has collaborated with a diverse list of notable artists, such as Sammy Davis, Jr., Bette Midler, Tanya Tucker, Jimmy Buffet, and Kenny Rogers, who recorded seventeen of Mr. Harvey's songs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey's success has led him to careers in a variety of industries; he earned a master's degree in music and education from Murray State University and turned to teaching music for several years before moving on to an acting career in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in California, Alex Harvey studied acting with classmates such as Patrick Swayze, Tony Danza, and Michelle Pfeiffer, and he soon began accepting roles in film and television, with his first role being in *The Long Summer of George Adams*; and

WHEREAS, his initial acting success was followed by significant roles with other well-known actors, including with Jessica Lang in *Country*, Haley Mills in *Parent Trap II*, and Steven Seagal in *Fire Down Below*; Mr. Harvey also played roles in several popular television series, such as *Dallas* and *Walker, Texas Ranger*; and

WHEREAS, despite his substantial career in film and television, Alex Harvey felt his true calling was in writing and performing songs for the Christian music industry; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, Mr. Harvey has recorded eight Christian music records: *Eden*, *Arms of an Angel*, *Luminary*, *Peace*, *Parachute*, *The Songwriter*, *Galilee*, and *Louis L'Amore*; and

WHEREAS, maintaining his roots, Mr. Harvey has made various guest appearances across Tennessee since 2007; he serves as a Worship Leader at the Family Community Church in Brentwood, and he is the host of a talk show, *Soul to Soul*, in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to specially commend Alex Harvey for his laudable career, for entertaining his faithful fans, and for sharing his talents and his pure love of music with the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Alex Harvey, one of the music industry's most talented artists, for his lifetime of outstanding achievements, recognize his ongoing legacy of writing beautiful music with an inspirational message, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.