

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 520

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Alan Jackson upon his thirtieth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those gifted artists who have experienced great success in the world of country music; and

WHEREAS, Alan Jackson, the recipient of two Grammy Awards, sixteen CMA Awards, and seventeen ACM Awards, will celebrate his thirtieth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry on June 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Alan Jackson is one of the most successful music artists of all time, having sold over seventy-five million records worldwide; and

WHEREAS, thirty-eight of his songs have reached the top five on the *Billboard* Hot Country Singles & Tracks charts, with thirty-five of them claiming the number one spot; nine of his albums have been certified multi-platinum; and

WHEREAS, a country music traditionalist of the honky-tonk variety, Alan Jackson is the rare superstar who is as highly regarded as a songwriter as he is as a performer; his self-penned hits include "Here in the Real World," his first Top 10 hit in 1990; and

WHEREAS, he has been named CMA Entertainer of the Year three times, and he made history at the 2001 CMA Awards show by premiering "Where Were You," a 9/11 ballad embraced by Americans from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, an honoree of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, Alan Jackson was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2017 by the legendary Loretta Lynn; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry on June 7, 1991, and he considers it one of the greatest honors of his career; and

WHEREAS, it is the dream of every country music artist to become a member of the Grand Ole Opry and perform on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry House, and it is most fitting that Alan Jackson be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Alan Jackson upon his thirtieth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry, commend his illustrious career in country music, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.