

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 793

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Martina McBride upon her twenty-fifth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

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

WHEREAS, Martina McBride, a four-time Country Music Association (CMA) Female Vocalist of the Year, will celebrate her twenty-fifth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry later this year; and

WHEREAS, born in Sharon, Kansas, on July 29, 1966, Ms. McBride began singing with her father's band at the age of seven, while her mother ran the soundboard; after she graduated from high school, she moved to Hutchinson, Kansas, and began fronting her own bands; and

WHEREAS, she moved to Nashville with her husband in 1990 and signed a recording contract with RCA Nashville Records the following year; she released her debut album, *The Time Has Come*, in 1992; and

WHEREAS, her album *The Way That I Am*, released in 1993, garnered two top-ten hits, "My Baby Loves Me" and "Life No. 9"; a third single, "Independence Day," received accolades as the CMA Video of the Year and Song of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McBride was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry on November 30, 1995, and she considers it one of the highest honors of her career; and

WHEREAS, Martina McBride has sold more than fourteen million albums and had five number-one country singles, twenty top-ten singles, and eight platinum albums; she has also had crossover hits, such as "In My Daughter's Eyes" and "This One's for the Girls," which reached the top spot on the adult contemporary chart; and

WHEREAS, she has received many awards and accolades throughout her career; she has been named the Academy of Country Music's Top Female Vocalist three times and nominated for fourteen Grammy Awards; and

WHEREAS, Martina McBride has served as a spokeswoman for the National Network to End Domestic Violence and the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and she has worked with the Loveisrespect National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline on the My Time to Shine program, which advocates for healthy teen dating relationships; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McBride has hosted Middle Tennessee's YWCA celebrity auction since 1995, and she established the charity initiative Team Music is Love, which focuses on spreading love through music; she was honored with the Minnie Pearl Humanitarian Award in 2003; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Martina McBride is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, John McBride, and her daughters, Delaney, Emma, and Ava Rose; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Martina McBride upon her twenty-fifth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry, commend her illustrious career in country music, and extend to her 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.