

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 941

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to honor and remember Toby Keith Covell.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is deeply saddened to learn of the death of Toby Keith Covell, a talented musician, patriot, devoted Christian, successful business owner, loving father, and husband; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes the substantial impact musicians have on our culture; and

WHEREAS, Toby Keith sold over forty million albums worldwide, including classic songs such as "Should've Been A Cowboy," "As Good As I Once Was," "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue," and "Don't Let the Old Man In"; and

WHEREAS, in total, Toby Keith had twenty different songs reach the number one spot on the country music charts; and

WHEREAS, Toby Keith started his own independent record label in Nashville called Show Dog Records that, over the years, has been responsible for bringing various artists to the State of Tennessee and was instrumental in the development of the country music industry during the early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, Toby Keith was honored with numerous awards over his career, including twelve Academy of Country Music Awards, three Country Music Association awards, three American Music awards, and seventy-seven other nominations; and

WHEREAS, Toby Keith once posed the question "How Do You Like Me Now?"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee can answer that question by raising our "Red Solo Cup" in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Toby Keith is survived by his wife, Tricia Lucas, and three children, Shelley, Krystal, and Stelen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Toby Keith Covert and the impact that his music, faith, and character had on the people of Tennessee and will continue to have for generations to come.

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.