

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1305

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend David Scott "Dave" Mustaine for his influence on the heavy metal genre of music.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize and applaud those artists who have not only entertained audiences for generations but have also influenced the very musical medium from which they craft; and

WHEREAS, one such notable individual is David Scott "Dave" Mustaine, who not only founded the musical group Megadeth but has also shaped and finessed the heavy metal genre throughout his estimable career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mustaine and Megadeth are a part of the "Big Four of Thrash," which includes fellow thrash bands Anthrax, Metallica, and Slayer; along with these three groups, Megadeth pioneered and popularized one of the most prominent genres of hard rock and heavy metal music; and

WHEREAS, thrash metal is known for its fast-paced speed, instrumental technicality, and socially conscious lyrics, all of which Dave Mustaine has been at the forefront; and

WHEREAS, his tremendous body of work as the lead singer and guitarist for Megadeth includes such exemplary records as *Killing is My Business... and Business is Good!*; *Peace Sells... but Who's Buying?*; *So Far, So Good... So What!*; *Rust in Peace*; *Countdown to Extinction*; *Youthanasia*; *Cryptic Writings*; *Risk*; *The World Needs A Hero*; *The System Has Failed*; *United Abominations*; *Endgame*; *Thirteen*; *Super Collider*; and *Dystopia*; and

WHEREAS, Megadeth is a multi-platinum album, having sold an astonishing 38 million copies of its albums; and

WHEREAS, *Countdown to Extinction* debuted at No. 2 on the *Billboard* 200 chart and featured some of the band's most successful and acclaimed songs, including "Symphony of Destruction," "Sweating Bullets," and "Skin o' My Teeth"; the album *Youthanasia* became the quickest album to sell 500,000 copies and be certified gold in Canada, and the albums *Cryptic Writings* and *Risk* were both recorded in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, a number of Dave Mustaine's and Megadeth's songs have appeared on the soundtracks for a host of films, including *Shocker*, *Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey*, *Super Mario Bros.*, *Last Action Hero*, and *Tales from the Crypt Presents: Demon Knight*; and

WHEREAS, Dave Mustaine also contributed to the albums *The Craving* by MD.45 and *Red Lamb* by Red Lamb; and

WHEREAS, Dave Mustaine's influence on heavy metal extends beyond just its sound and style and reaches to the very tools from which that music is made, having created his own series of signature guitars through some of the industry's giants, such as Jackson Guitars, ESP Guitars, and Dean Guitars; and

WHEREAS, a visionary and constant performer, Dave Mustaine created Gigantour in the summer of 2005, a yearly, traveling music festival that made its way across North America and presented not only headlining performances from Megadeth, but also featured numerous heavy metal acts of the day, including Dream Theater, The Dillinger Escape Plan, Lamb of God, Opeth, Arch Enemy, Static-X, Lacuna Coil, Children of Bodom, Motörhead, and Volbeat; and

WHEREAS, Dave Mustaine and Megadeth have made numerous television appearances, including on shows such as *The Arsenio Hall Show*, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, MTV's *Headbanger's Ball*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *Black Scorpion*, *Duck Dodgers*, *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, *Rock & Roll Jeopardy!*, *Hell's Kitchen*, *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, and *The O'Reilly Factor*; and

WHEREAS, always at the forefront of both musical taste and technology, Megadeth launched its first website, Megadeth Arizona, on October 31, 1994, and the site is considered to be the first official website for a band to be created on the internet; and

WHEREAS, an experienced martial artist, Dave Mustaine holds black belts in both taekwondo and Ukidokan karate, and he was made a Goodwill Ambassador of the World by the World Taekwondo Federation in 2007; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dave Mustaine was ranked alongside Marty Friedman at No. 19 of *Guitar World* magazine's "100 Greatest Heavy Metal Guitarists of All Time" in 2004, as No. 1 in the book *The 100 Greatest Metal Guitarists*, and No. 12 in a *Guitar World* magazine reader's poll; and

WHEREAS, he also received two Metal Hammer Golden Gods Awards, a Revolver Golden Gods Award, and two Epiphone Revolver Awards; he was named a 2014 Metal Guru by the Classic Rock Roll of Honor Awards; and

WHEREAS, throughout its career, Megadeth has received twelve Grammy nominations, with its album, *Dystopia*, winning in the "Best Metal Performance" category in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the band received Top Artist (radio album), Top Artist (radio cut), and Best Thrash Band awards at the 1991 Foundations Forum; the Top Home Video award at the 1992 Foundations Forum; the 1993 Doris Day Music Award; the Loudwire Music Awards for Metal Album of the Year and Metal Song of the Year; and the Clio Silver Winner for the *Dystopia* Virtual Reality Experience; and

WHEREAS, his many achievements aside, Dave Mustaine is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Pamela Ann Mustaine; together, they have two children, Justis David Mustaine and Electra Nicole Mustaine; and

WHEREAS, Dave Mustaine is an exemplary singer, songwriter, and performer, whose music has enriched the lives of countless fans during a career that has spanned decades; and

WHEREAS, a founder of thrash metal, Dave Mustaine holds an enduring legacy of musicianship that lives in the hearts of his fans and on the albums that will continue to be played in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize and applaud this exceptionally talented artist and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend David Scott "Dave" Mustaine for his influence on the heavy metal genre of music, salute his many contributions to the musical arts as a whole, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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