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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE RECOGNITION AND CONGRATULATIONS OF
2 THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO AWARD-WINNING COUNTRY SINGER, SONGWRITER
3 AND MUSICIAN CHARLIE WORSHAM FROM JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Country Singer, Multi-Instrumentalist and Songwriter
5 Charlie Worsham makes music that blends the sound and feel of
6 classic country with rock, rhythm and blues, and bluegrass,
7 conjuring a soulful brew that has impressed fans and critics. His
8 songs are often carefully drawn short stories based in the details
9 of ordinary lives, while he also has a sense of humor that keeps
10 his music from getting heavy, and the easygoing warmth of his
11 voice has a style that suits his many adventures; and

12 WHEREAS, Worsham's 2013 debut album was a polished
13 country-pop effort, 2017's *Beginning of Things* gave him more room
14 to show off the personal side of his songwriting, and the 2021 EP
15 *Sugarcane* was a rootsy set steeped in both country and rock; and

16 WHEREAS, Charlie Worsham was born September 1, 1985, in
17 Jackson, Mississippi, and music became his main interest at a
18 young age. He started on the banjo and was skilled enough on the



19 instrument by the age of ten to play on-stage at the Ryman
20 Auditorium with bluegrass great Jimmy Martin. After winning a
21 Junior National Banjo Championship at age 12, he played onstage at
22 the Grand Ole Opry, an accomplishment for a musician of any age.
23 Charlie consequently learned to play fiddle, mandolin and guitar.
24 While living and working as a musician in Nashville was always his
25 goal, he opted to attend the prestigious Berklee School of Music
26 in Boston following his graduation from high school. Eventually,
27 Worsham did relocate to Nashville, where he worked on his
28 songwriting and did session work; and

29 WHEREAS, the highlights of Charlie's career include:

- 30 • Warner Brothers Country Artist for 10 years, where he
31 recorded two critically acclaimed albums and one EP. All named
32 "Best Of" or "Top 10" for the year they were released;
- 33 • Songwriter for Sony Music Publishing;
- 34 • Songs recorded by Kenny Chesney, Dierks Bentley, Vince
35 Gill and Charles Esten (ABC show Nashville);
- 36 • ACM nominations for Specialty Instrument Player of the
37 Year in 2020 and Acoustic Player of the Year in 2022;
- 38 • Appeared in an episode of Fox TV's "Bones" series as
39 struggling Country Music Artist Colin Hayes. His songs were
40 featured throughout the episode;
- 41 • His music was also featured on an episode of ABC's hit TV
42 show "Nashville" as well as the Hallmark movie "A Country
43 Wedding";



44 • Toured with Taylor Swift, Brad Paisley, Miranda Lambert,
45 Little Big Town, Eric Church, Brandy Clark, Vince Gill, Kenny
46 Rogers, Dierks Bentley, Kip Moore, and the Cadillac 3, among
47 others;

48 • Played credits on albums by Eric Church, Miranda Lambert,
49 Little Big Town, Brandy Clark, Vince Gill, Dierks Bentley, Kip
50 Moore, Carrie Underwood, and Dolly Parton, among others;

51 • Former member of the bands "KingBilly" and "Old Crow
52 Medicine Show";

53 • Narrator and Host for an episode about The Station Inn on
54 a program on Circle TV called "Landmarks." He and his wife,
55 Kristen, were featured on an episode of "The Better Half" on the
56 Circle TV;

57 • Regular performer on the Grand Ole Opry, having made over
58 80 appearances;

59 • His Follow Your Heart Scholarship Program has provided 18
60 scholarships to area Grenada Students;

61 • His Follow Your Heart Arts Program has given away over 230
62 guitars and 80 Ukuleles as well as provide free lessons to
63 students. The program has also trained select students to be
64 teachers in the program and in private practice. The students
65 have also been taken to tour music heritage sites in the
66 Mississippi Delta and graduate on the stage of the Grammy Museum
67 in Cleveland, Mississippi;



68 • Featured on an episode of ABC's 2020 program called
69 "Country Strong 2020," along with Darius Rucker, Ashley McBryde
70 and Jimmie Allen; and

71 WHEREAS, Charlie Worsham, one of Nashville's most respected
72 and beloved Artists, released his new EP, *Sugarcane*, last summer
73 on Warner Music Nashville. Produced by Jay Joyce, *Sugarcane* is an
74 emotional homecoming for Worsham. What began as personal
75 reflections from a daily writing exercise grew into six songs that
76 celebrate the love, perseverance and struggles experienced through
77 life. Released to widespread acclaim, *The Tennessean* praises, "In
78 releasing what may be his most personal collection of songs yet,
79 Charlie Worsham has never sounded more universal," while *Forbes*
80 declares, "Its six tracks are fit for country radio, packed with
81 Worsham's personal anecdotes and full vocals." In addition to his
82 own work, Worsham is a frequent collaborator, having recently
83 worked with Dierks Bentley, Eric Church, Brandy Clark, Luke Combs,
84 Vince Gill, Kacey Musgraves, Marty Stuart, Carrie Underwood and
85 Keith Urban, among several others; and

86 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend an
87 outstanding home-grown musical talent who has brought honor to his
88 family, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

89 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
90 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the recognition and
91 congratulations of the Mississippi Senate to Award-Winning Country
92 Singer, Songwriter and Musician Charlie Worsham from Jackson,



93 Mississippi, and extend our best wishes to Charlie and his family
94 for future success.

95 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
96 Charlie Worsham, forwarded to the Mississippi Tourism Association
97 and the Mississippi Arts Commission, and be made available to the
98 Capitol Press Corps.

