

By: Senator(s) Jackson, Butler (38th),
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 536

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 CLARKSDALE GUITAR WUNDERKIND CHRISTONE "KINGFISH" INGRAM FOR
3 WINNING THE 2022 GRAMMY AWARD IN THE CONTEMPORARY BLUES ALBUM
4 CATEGORY FOR HIS ALBUM 662.

5 WHEREAS, the 2022 Grammys, officially the 64th Grammy Awards,
6 took place on April 3, 2022, at MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas, and
7 among the big wins were Christone "Kingfish" Ingram, who won the
8 Contemporary Blues Album category for album 662, defeating The
9 Black Keys and Steve Cropper. In his acceptance speech, the
10 Guitar Wunderkind from Clarksdale, Mississippi, thanked "God, my
11 family, my manager and Alligator Records"; and

12 WHEREAS, his album 662 is the next chapter in the
13 still-unfolding story of Christone "Kingfish" Ingram. He
14 describes 662 as his own personal journey, a story that sits upon
15 the legacy of his influential blues elders. The songs, which
16 reflect his life in and away from his home in the Delta, speak to
17 universal truths, as well as to similar experiences shared by his
18 large and growing multigenerational, multicultural fan base. From
19 the blistering, hometown title track, 662, to the irresistible



20 "She Calls Me Kingfish" to the slow, soulful and poignant "Another
21 Life Goes By" to the funky truth-telling "Too Young To Remember,"
22 662 overflows with hard-hitting songs, jaw-dropping guitar work
23 and deep, soul-possessed vocals. NPR Music says Ingram's playing
24 is "astounding...It's almost like he's singing through the
25 guitar"; and

26 WHEREAS, Ingram's 662 journey began in the City of Clarksdale
27 in Coahoma County, Mississippi, just ten miles from the legendary
28 crossroads of Highways 61 and 49. Born to a musical family, he
29 fell in love with music as a small child, initially playing drums
30 and then bass. At a young age, he got his first guitar and
31 quickly soaked up music from Robert Johnson to Lightnin' Hopkins,
32 from B.B. King to Muddy Waters, from Jimi Hendrix to Prince, but
33 all the while developing his own sound and style; and

34 WHEREAS, Ingram progressed quickly, making his stage debut a
35 few months later at Clarksdale's famous Ground Zero Blues Club,
36 playing behind one of his mentors, Mississippi Blues Icon Bill
37 "Howl-N-Madd" Perry. Perry gifted the young musician with a new
38 stage name, "Kingfish"; and

39 WHEREAS, Ingram performed at the White House for Michelle
40 Obama in 2014 as part of a delegation of student musicians from
41 the Delta Blues Museum. By age 16, he was turning heads and
42 winning awards, including the 2015 Rising Star Award, presented by
43 The Rhythm & Blues Foundation; and



44 WHEREAS, Ingram's appeal beyond blues was immediate. Even
45 before he cut his debut album and while still a teenager, many of
46 Ingram's YouTube performance videos garnered millions of views.
47 He performed two songs in Season Two of the Netflix series show
48 *Luke Cage*, after the series' lead producer saw one of his videos.
49 Both songs appear on the official soundtrack album, which
50 introduced him to a young audience, many of whom had never heard
51 Ingram's brand of blues before. As part of *Luke Cage* promotion,
52 Ingram performed in an NPR Music Tiny Desk Concert with Rap Legend
53 Rakim, who also appeared in *Luke Cage*. In 2020, Ingram hosted his
54 own Tiny Desk (Home) Concert; and

55 WHEREAS, we pay tribute to a spectacular young Mississippi
56 talent who has brought honor to his family, his community and to
57 the State of Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
59 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
60 we do hereby extend the recognition and congratulations of the
61 Mississippi Legislature to Clarksdale Guitar Wunderkind Christone
62 "Kingfish" Ingram for winning the 2022 Grammy Award in the
63 Contemporary Blues Album category for his album *662*, and look
64 forward to future awards by this rising Mississippi music star.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
66 Christone "Kingfish" Ingram and his family, forwarded to the
67 Mississippi Grammy Museum and the Mississippi Arts Commission and
68 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

