

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE RECOGNITION OF THE MISSISSIPPI
2 SENATE TO VETERAN BLUES MUSICIAN KING EDWARD ANTOINE AS THE
3 RECIPIENT OF THE 2023 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
4 MUSIC.

5 WHEREAS, the Governor's Arts Awards Program has announced its
6 2023 recipients, which include well-known Jackson Blues Guitarist
7 King Edward Antoine ("King Edward") as the 2023 Governor's Arts
8 Award for Excellence in Music; and

9 WHEREAS, established in 1988, Governor's Arts Awards are
10 given to individuals and organizations to recognize outstanding
11 work in the artistic disciplines, as well as arts-based community
12 development and arts patronage in Mississippi. The awards are
13 presented in partnership with the Governor's Office and signify
14 the important relationship between government and the arts; and

15 WHEREAS, King Edward Antoine has been a working musician for
16 67 years. He first developed his guitar skills when he was a
17 teenager, learning several genres, including zydeco, jazz,
18 country, rock, R&B and blues to make a living with his music; and



19 WHEREAS, Antoine has been influenced by the blues legends he
20 has played with, including his cousin Clifton Chenier, Magic Slim,
21 Sam Myers, Hound Dog Taylor, Junior Wells, Tyrone Davis, Buddy
22 Guy, Otis Clay and McKinley Mitchell; and

23 WHEREAS, he is the guitarist on Mitchell's classic recording,
24 *End of the Rainbow*. Antoine was also featured in filmmaker Robert
25 Mugge's documentary, *The Last of the Mississippi Jukes*, which
26 focused on the Subway Lounge, a legendary blues club in Jackson;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, as the former Lead Guitar Player for the Blue Monday
29 Band, Antoine was a staple at the weekly Blue Monday show at Hal
30 and Mal's restaurant in Jackson, Mississippi, for over 11 years.
31 His fame has grown through the international blues fans who have
32 attended Blue Monday and spread the word about him. Before Blue
33 Monday, Antoine performed at the legendary Subway Lounge in
34 Jackson, Mississippi. He has performed at many local and national
35 festivals, including the Chicago Blues Festival, the Crescent City
36 Blues Festival in New Orleans, the Mississippi Valley Blues
37 Festival in Davenport, Iowa, and the B.B. King Homecoming Festival
38 in Indianola, Mississippi; and

39 WHEREAS, Antoine has been a member of the Mississippi Arts
40 Commission's Artist Roster for 10 years; and

41 WHEREAS, he is also featured on three Mississippi Blues Trail
42 markers: The Subway Lounge, The Queen of Hearts, and Ace Records,
43 where he recorded his first album; and



44 WHEREAS, he received a Peavey Award for his contribution to
45 Mississippi music. He is a longtime member of the Central
46 Mississippi Blues Society and a past member of the International
47 Blues Foundation of Memphis; and

48 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we pay tribute and
49 express appreciation for the talent of a Mississippi musician who
50 has made Mississippi a better place and exemplifies the music
51 traditions of our great state:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the recognition of the
54 Mississippi Senate to veteran Blues Musician King Edward Antoine
55 as the recipient of the 2023 Governor's Arts Award For Excellence
56 in Music and extend our congratulations to King Edward on this
57 auspicious occasion.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
59 King Edward as part of the Governor's Arts Awards presentation and
60 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

