

By: Representatives Nelson, Banks, Butler-
Washington

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 ACCLAIMED MISSISSIPPI ARTIST BOBBY RUSH FOR WINNING HIS THIRD
3 GRAMMY FOR BEST TRADITIONAL BLUES ALBUM AT THE 66TH GRAMMY AWARDS
4 FOR HIS ALBUM ENTITLED "*ALL MY LOVE FOR YOU.*"

5 WHEREAS, acclaimed and celebrated Mississippi Blues
6 Ambassador Bobby Rush won "*Best Traditional Blues Album*" during
7 the 66th Grammy Awards this year for his album "*All My Love For*
8 *You*" making this his third Grammy win; and

9 WHEREAS, the third time was truly a charm when the
10 long-admired 90-year-old took the Grammy stage to receive his
11 third Grammy while paying homage to those who came before him such
12 as Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Tyrone Davis and Johnnie Taylor, all
13 the guys he looked up to; and

14 WHEREAS, a 16-time Blues Music Awards winner, the current
15 album *All My Love For You* has been praised by *All Things*
16 *Considered*, *American Songwriter*, *The Bluegrass Station*, *NPR Music*,
17 *Rock & Blues Muse* and more; and



18 WHEREAS, *All My Love For You* is richly comprised of ten
19 original tunes written and produced by Bobby Rush and is
20 semi-autobiographical in nature; and

21 WHEREAS, Bobby Rush has led a fascinating life from being *The*
22 *King of the Chitlin Circuit*, performing with Elmore James and B.B.
23 King, Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters, to winning his first Grammy
24 Award at age 83 for his album *Porcupine Meat*; and

25 WHEREAS, music critics agree that Bobby Rush has only gotten
26 better with time and more popular since his last album *Rawer Than*
27 *Raw* also won a Grammy Award, followed by the re-recording of his
28 1971 hit *Chicken Heads* with Buddy Guy, Gov't Mule and Christone
29 "Kingfish" Ingram; and

30 WHEREAS, he is not only a beloved Bluesman, he is an admired
31 author who has finally written his critically acclaimed
32 autobiography "*I Ain't Studdin Ya*": *My American Blues Story* which
33 *Kirkus Reviews* called, "A fascinating story well told... A richly
34 detailed account of a bluesman's full life."; and

35 WHEREAS, he has been creating art and records for nearly 70
36 years, has appeared on more than 400 recordings, released 75
37 career songs, released 27 studio albums to his name, recorded for
38 more than 20 labels, from Checker/Chess and ABC to Philly Int'l
39 and Rounder/Concord; and

40 WHEREAS, one of the last African-American bluesmen from the
41 class to emerge out of and triumph in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s,



42 Bobby Rush is a Blues Hall of Famer, thirteen-time Blues Music
43 Award winner and B.B. King Entertainer of the Year; and

44 WHEREAS, in 2017, he won a Blues Music Award for Album of the
45 Year for his studio recording "*Porcupine Meat*," Bobby spent the
46 next year writing material for his follow-up album, "*Sitting on*
47 *Top of the Blues*," which was released in 2019, and featured 11
48 originals, which earned him another Blues Music Award and Grammy
49 Award nomination, before receiving recognition this year, which
50 brings his total to six career Grammy nominations and two Grammy
51 wins; and

52 WHEREAS, "*Rawer Than Raw*" released by Deep Rush/Thirsty
53 Records on August 28, 2020, was recorded in Jackson, Mississippi,
54 over the span of several years, and features five originals and
55 six covers to honor some of his Mississippi blues emissaries,
56 including: Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Sonnyboy Williamson II,
57 Skip James and Elmore James; and

58 WHEREAS, "*Rawer Than Raw*" is a stripped-down, acoustic
59 version of the Grammy Award-winning bluesman, who has been
60 performing since 1951, which highlights the songs performed in a
61 solo setting with only Rush, his guitar, a harmonica and a little
62 percussion, a drastic departure from the extravagant showman
63 perception many are accustomed to experiencing; and

64 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
65 the outstanding talented musicians that call our state home and
66 who still reside in our home State of Mississippi, such as Bobby



67 Rush, whose music and achievements bring great honor to the State
68 of Mississippi:

69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
70 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
71 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend, congratulate and celebrate
72 Bobby Rush on the occasion of his third-career Grammy Award as
73 Best Traditional Blues Album for "*All My Love For You*," and wish
74 him much continued success in his next artistic endeavors.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to Bobby Rush and to the members of the Capitol Press
77 Corps.

