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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 536

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SALUTING AND EXTENDING THE
2 CONGRATULATIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO 90-YEAR-OLD
3 BLUES LEGEND BOBBY RUSH FOR WINNING A 2024 GRAMMY AWARD FOR "BEST
4 TRADITIONAL BLUES ALBUM" AT THE 66TH GRAMMY AWARDS FOR HIS ALBUM
5 ENTITLED *ALL MY LOVE FOR YOU*.

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

10 WHEREAS, the long-admired 90-year-old took the Grammy stage
11 to receive his third Grammy while paying homage to those who came
12 before him such as Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Tyrone Davis and
13 Johnnie Taylor, all ground-breaking musicians 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, Bobby Rush has been called the "Dean of the Blues"
19 and "King of the Chitlin Circuit" because of his longevity and



20 popularity. His fusion of funk, R&B, blues, and in some cases,
21 rap, gives him a signature sound and stage persona; and

22 WHEREAS, "Wow! Wow! Wow! Wow!" said an enthused Rush after
23 his name was announced as the winner. "I want to thank the
24 Academy for choosing me. I'm so blessed and thankful." He told
25 the crowd that he has recorded 380 records in a career that spans
26 six decades. This year, Rush was competing against younger and
27 older blues Musicians who all respected him. Bobby Rush is
28 definitely the hardest working Bluesman in show business. Leading
29 up to the Grammys, he performed at numerous public appearances;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, in 2017, he won a Blues Music Award for "Album of
32 the Year" for his studio recording *Porcupine Meat*. Bobby spent
33 the next year writing material for his follow-up album, *Sitting on*
34 *Top of the Blues*, which was released in 2019, and featured 11
35 originals, which earned him another Blues Music Award and Grammy
36 Award nomination, before receiving another recognition this year,
37 which brings his total to seven career Grammy nominations and
38 three Grammy wins; and

39 WHEREAS, Bobby Rush has amassed unbelievable accomplishments.
40 He was designated the first blues artist to perform at the Great
41 Wall of China to a record audience of over 40,000; received a
42 Congressional Commendation by both United States Senator Steve
43 Cohen and United States Congressman Bennie Thompson; was honored
44 by Tennessee Veterans with his Red, White and Blues Jam Annual



45 Concert; he either knows, has performed with or has recorded for,
46 more than six consecutive decades with the likes of: Quincy
47 Jones, Calvin Carter, Elvis Presley, Muddy Waters, Elmore James,
48 Ike and Tina Turner, Vee Jay Records, and Malaco Records; has
49 performed for one of the nation's longest-running blues festival,
50 the Mississippi Delta Blues & Heritage Festival, for 36 of the 39
51 years that it existed; been the International Ambassador of the
52 Blues for the State of Tennessee; and International King of the
53 Blues by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor of the State of
54 Mississippi; and

55 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we pay tribute to this
56 respected musician whose body of work has brought great
57 entertainment to fans nationally and internationally and brought
58 honor to Bobby's Blues Community and to the State of Mississippi:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
60 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
61 we do hereby salute and extend the congratulations of the
62 Mississippi Legislature to 90-year-old Mississippi Blues Legend
63 Bobby Rush for winning his third Grammy for "Best Traditional
64 Blues Album" and for his contributions to the world of music and
65 his multi-decade cultural Ambassadorship and positive impact on
66 the creative economy of the State of Mississippi.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
68 Bobby Rush, forwarded to the Mississippi Development Authority and
69 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

