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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LEGENDARY MUSICAL CAREER OF THE
2 LATE JIMI JAMISON, LEAD SINGER OF THE RENOWNED BAND SURVIVOR.

3 WHEREAS, the late Jimi Jamison, a Mississippi native and the
4 powerful lead singer of the rock band Survivor, is being honored
5 for his outstanding musical career as well as for making an
6 indelible contribution in the music industry; and

7 WHEREAS, Jimmy Wayne Jamison, who was best known as Jimi
8 Jamison, was born on August 23, 1951, in Durant, Mississippi, but
9 soon after his birth, he relocated to Memphis, Tennessee, with his
10 family; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Jamison, as a teen, grew up listening to
12 Blues-Rock and Soul music, and he also taught himself to play the
13 guitar and the piano, and destined to become a performer, he
14 performed his first song entitled "Day Tripper" by the Beatles in
15 front of a crowd in middle school and soon after, at the age of
16 12, he got his first taste of success in an R&B band called The
17 Debuts with a hit single entitled "If I Cry" in 1968; and



18 WHEREAS, in the mid-1970s, Mr. Jamison, and a few others
19 including guitarist Buddy Davis, formed the Memphis southern rock
20 band Target, and from 1974-1980 the band had some success and
21 released the albums *Target* (1976) and *Captured* (1977) on A&M
22 Records, and they opened concerts for Black Sabbath, Boston and
23 KISS; and

24 WHEREAS, from 1981-1983, Mr. Jamison performed with the band
25 Cobra and were signed with Epic Records after having a hit in
26 Memphis, and the band released one album entitled "*First Strike*"
27 in 1983 and from this album the British music magazine *Kerrang!*
28 listed the album number one in its import charts and with the song
29 "Blood on Your Money" even getting aired on MTV, which was Mr.
30 Jamison's first music video; and

31 WHEREAS, in part, due to Mr. Jamison and the band Cobra
32 experiencing only moderate commercial success, the band split, and
33 in 1984, he was invited to join the rock band Survivor, whose
34 success had begun to fade since having a number one hit in 1982
35 with "Eye of the Tiger"; and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Jamison, due to his powerful vocals, was able to
37 instantly place the band back on top with his first recording with
38 the band being "The Moment of Truth" (The Karate Kid theme song),
39 which reached number 63 on the Billboard Hot 100 in July of 1984;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, later in 1984, Mr. Jamison's first full album with
42 Survivor, and the band's fifth overall, was *Vital Signs* and with



43 this album there were several hit singles such as "High on You",
44 "I Can't Hold Back", "The Search is Over" and "First Night", and
45 in 1985, the band went on tour with headliners Bryan Adams and REO
46 Speedwagon and in that same year Survivor was asked by Sylvester
47 Stallone to perform a song for the film *Rocky IV* and due to this
48 request another hit, "Burning Heart", was achieved; and

49 WHEREAS, Mr. Jamison's second album with Survivor, *When*
50 *Seconds Count* was released in 1986 and included the hit single "Is
51 This Love," and in late 1988 the band released its final 80s album
52 entitled *Too Hot to Sleep*; and

53 WHEREAS, from 1980-1999, Mr. Jamison embarked on his solo
54 career, and in 1991, he released his first solo album, *When Love*
55 *Comes Down*, and from this album the songs "Rock Hard" and "Taste
56 of Love" were used in episodes of *Baywatch*, and the latter was
57 also used in the 1992 film *Jersey Girl*, and he even co-wrote and
58 performed the *Baywatch* theme song "I'm Always Here"; and

59 WHEREAS, Mr. Jamison reunited with Survivor from 2000-2006,
60 and during that time the band earned an Emmy Nomination for making
61 an Eye of Tiger parody, and also, the band released *Reach* in 2006,
62 which was the band's first new album in 18 years; and

63 WHEREAS, from 2007-2014, Mr. Jamison returned to solo work
64 and released his solo album, *Crossroads Moment*, in 2008 before
65 having a final tenure with Survivor from 2011-2014, and his last
66 show with the band benefited cancer patients and the band
67 performed hits such as "Feels Like Love", "Broken Promises", "Take



68 You on a Saturday", "High on You", "The Search is Over" and a few
69 others before ending this final performance with "Eye of the
70 Tiger"; and

71 WHEREAS, in addition to performing with Survivor, Mr.
72 Jamison, throughout his career, was known for his collaborations
73 where he provided background vocals for several bands and artists
74 - all of which have left an indelible mark on the music industry;
75 and

76 WHEREAS, although this Magnolia State native, Mr. Jamison,
77 passed away on September 1, 2014, his stamp on the music industry
78 will remain and be remembered for generations to come:

79 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
80 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
81 commend the late Mr. Jimi Jamison, a Mississippi native, upon his
82 outstanding musical career as well as his musical contributions as
83 lead singer of the rock band Survivor.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
85 furnished to the family of Mr. Jimmy "Jimi" Wayne Jamison and to
86 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

