

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 280

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER, BAGLEY, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, PHELPS,  
PRESSLY, SEABAUGH, AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Kenny Wayne Shepherd and his musical legacy on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary tour of the release of "Trouble Is ...".

WHEREAS, Kenny Wayne Shepherd was born in Shreveport and graduated from Caddo Magnet High School; he is a completely self-taught guitarist, singer, and songwriter; though he does not read music; he has sold millions of albums world wide; and

WHEREAS, the blues prodigy signed with Giant records at the age of sixteen; his first release, *Ledbetter Heights*, reached number one on the U.S. Blues charts and the record was certified platinum; and

WHEREAS, two years later, he topped the U.S. Blues charts yet again with his sophomore release, *Trouble is...*, and the album was certified platinum, selling over 1,000,000 copies; this album contained four top ten hits: *Slow Ride*; *Somehow, Somewhere*, *Someway*; *Everything is Broken*; and *Blue on Black*; and

WHEREAS, *Blue on Black* spent one hundred four weeks on the Billboard charts and was a number one rock hit; Kenny Wayne Shepherd won Rock Song of the Year from Billboard Music Awards and received his first Grammy nomination for the song; and

WHEREAS, since then, he has been nominated for four more Grammy Awards; he has won two Orville Gibson Awards, the Blues Foundation's Keeping the Blues Alive Award, and two Blues Music Awards; he reached number one with nine of his blues albums and charted thirteen mainstream rock hit singles; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, blues fans in select markets were able to see the Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band perform *Trouble is... Twenty-fifth Anniversary Tour*, including the smash hit *Blue on Black*; and

WHEREAS, the tour began on February 12, 2022, at the Strand Theatre in Shreveport where the band had celebrated their inaugural release of the album in 1997; this show was streamed on the internet; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-fifth anniversary tour will benefit Northwest Louisiana Family Justice Center and Providence House; Northwest Louisiana Family Justice Center is a service center for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; Providence House is a homeless shelter for families with children; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Wayne Shepherd is an astonishing musician whose entertainment catalog alone is noteworthy, but he is most deserving of recognition for his efforts in supporting two invaluable community service centers that give help and hope to those in need in the northwest corner of the great state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Kenny Wayne Shepherd for his incredible talent as a Louisiana musician and artist; does hereby commend him for his musical legacy as well as his charitable outreach; does hereby congratulate him on his twenty-fifth anniversary tour of his album *Trouble is...*; and does hereby express great pride in the accomplishments of this son of the city of Shreveport and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kenny Wayne Shepherd.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES