

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 229

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

COMMENDATIONS: Commemorates the thirtieth anniversary of the song "Last Two Dollars" by Johnnie Taylor

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the song "Last Two Dollars" by Johnnie  
3 Taylor.

4 WHEREAS, Johnnie Taylor was born in Crawfordsville, Arkansas; he began singing  
5 as a child in church and graduated to performing with gospel groups as a teenager; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was a versatile and charismatic singer and his music blends  
7 the sweetness of gospel with the grittiness of blues; known as "The Philosopher of Soul", he  
8 was a prolific recording artist who delivered multiple hits during the height of his career in  
9 the 1960s and 1970s; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor released his first chart-topping R&B hit in the fall of 1968  
11 and earned his first certified gold record and first GRAMMY nomination; in 1976, he  
12 released the biggest hit of his career, "Disco Lady", which is distinguished as the first-ever  
13 single to be certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor released nearly thirty albums over the course of his four-  
15 decade career and received three GRAMMY nominations; he was invited, along with James  
16 Brown, Tony Bennett, and Dinah Shore, to perform at President Nixon's 1969 inaugural ball;  
17 in 1999, he was honored by the Rhythm & Blues Foundation and presented with the  
18 prestigious Pioneer Award; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor released the album *Good Love!* with Malaco Records on  
20 May 21, 1996; "Last Two Dollars" is a noteworthy track on the album that showcases his  
21 incredible blend of rhythm and blues, and it is fitting to commemorate the day of its release.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the song  
3   "Last Two Dollars" by Johnnie Taylor and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for  
4   Mr. Taylor's many contributions to rhythm and blues and the American music industry.

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Commemorates the 30th anniversary of the song "Last Two Dollars" by Johnnie Taylor.