

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 229

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES