

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 183

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends Louisiana, Blues, and guitar legend George "Buddy Guy" on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Louisiana, Blues, and guitar legend George "Buddy" Guy on
3 the momentous occasion of his ninetieth birthday and to recognize his extraordinary
4 contributions to the cultural, musical, and artistic heritage of the state of Louisiana
5 and the United States.

6 WHEREAS, George "Buddy" Guy was born on July 30, 1936, in Lettsworth,
7 Louisiana, and rose from humble beginnings in Pointe Coupee Parish to become one of the
8 most influential Blues musicians in American history; and

9 WHEREAS, Buddy's musical career began in Louisiana, where he built his first
10 two-string guitar at age seven; and

11 WHEREAS, after working for a few years as a janitor at Louisiana State University,
12 he moved to Chicago where he recorded for Cobra Records and Chess Records and
13 collaborated with childhood idols and musical giants such as Muddy Waters and Howlin'
14 Wolf; and

15 WHEREAS, Buddy's raw emotion, showmanship, and blistering guitar style reshaped
16 electric Blues; and

17 WHEREAS, his unmatched guitar technique, electrifying stage presence, and soulful
18 artistry have shaped the modern Blues genre and inspired generations of musicians across

1 the world, including Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Carlos Santana, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Joe
2 Bonamassa, and countless others; and

3 WHEREAS, one of Rock and Roll's most iconic evenings took place at Buddy Guy's
4 Checkerboard Lounge on the South Side of Chicago on November 22, 1981, when members
5 of the Rolling Stones stopped by to watch their idol, Muddy Waters, perform, resulting in
6 one of the greatest jam sessions ever recorded, with Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, and
7 Ronnie Wood joining Muddy, Buddy, and other members of Chicago Blues royalty on stage;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, aware that history was unfolding, Buddy ensured the moment was
10 preserved for posterity by securing proper audio and video recording equipment; and

11 WHEREAS, Buddy's career spans more than six decades, during which he has earned
12 numerous accolades, including multiple Grammy Awards, a Grammy Lifetime Achievement
13 Award, a Presidential National Medal of Arts, a Kennedy Center Honor, induction into the
14 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, induction into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame, recognition
15 as a Living Legend of the Blues, and recognition as a "Louisiana Legend" by Louisiana
16 Public Broadcasting; and

17 WHEREAS, despite his international acclaim, he has remained deeply connected to
18 his Louisiana roots, often crediting his upbringing in Lettsworth and the musical traditions
19 of the state for shaping his sound and identity; and

20 WHEREAS, Buddy continues to tour the world, play at his Chicago blues club,
21 Buddy Guy's Legends, and ensures that the Blues endures as a great American art form; and

22 WHEREAS, he recently appeared in the Oscar-winning film Sinners, introducing
23 him to a new generation of fans; and

24 WHEREAS, Buddy has served as a cultural ambassador for Louisiana, preserving
25 and promoting the Blues as a foundational American art form and ensuring its vitality for
26 future generations through mentorship, performance, and education; and

27 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Senate wishes to honor Buddy Guy not only for his
28 artistic achievements but also for the pride he brings to the people of Louisiana through his
29 lifelong dedication to music, creativity, and cultural preservation; and

30 WHEREAS, July 30, 2026, marks the ninetieth birthday of Buddy Guy, a milestone

