

1 Cannon returned to New Orleans and tirelessly networked throughout the music community
2 while teaching music and art; and

3 WHEREAS, she was a guest of the Stooges Brass Band at the 2012 Jazz Fest, and
4 at the 2013 festival, she performed her own song, "In New Orleans"; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2014, she attended an open audition for the nationally televised talent
6 show at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center; her fairly rare contralto voice earned her
7 a ticket to a final audition in Los Angeles, California, and afterwards she received the call
8 she had been waiting for, stating that she would sing for celebrity judges during the show's
9 televised auditions; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd-Cannon chose to sing Pharrell Williams' song, "Happy", for
11 her blind audition and within minutes she captured the attention of the judges; she worked
12 with Adam Levine to advance throughout the show's season; and

13 WHEREAS, during her time on *The Voice*, Ms. Boyd-Cannon shined in the spotlight
14 of the national stage, and she has been a wonderful ambassador for the state of Louisiana;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of its communities,
17 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon artists like Tonya
18 Boyd-Cannon, who serves as an inspiration to others because of her integrity and her
19 steadfast dedication to honing her craft; and

20 WHEREAS, Tonya Boyd-Cannon and her special talents serve as a shining example
21 of the incredible talent in Louisiana, and upon her memorable and historic run on *The Voice*,
22 she merits a special measure of sincere and heartfelt commendation and congratulations.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 commend Tonya Boyd-Cannon for her extraordinary musical talents and achievements; does
25 hereby extend enduring appreciation for the wonderful way in which her music touches the
26 lives of countless people throughout the state of Louisiana and the United States of America;
27 and does hereby extend to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in her future
28 endeavors.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
30 to Tonya Boyd-Cannon.

DIGEST

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Commends Tonya Boyd-Cannon for her musical achievements, her performance on *The Voice*, and for the pride she brings to La.