

HOUSE RESOLUTION 240

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION relative to "Carl Perkins's 'Blue Suede Shoes Day'".

WHEREAS, Carl Perkins rose from humble beginnings in Tiptonville, Tennessee, to become a pioneer in Rock and Roll music and was universally known as the King of Rockabilly; and

WHEREAS, Carl Perkins was one of the early Rock and Roll artists signed to Sun Records (1954); released "Blue Suede Shoes" in January of 1956, which became Sun Records's first million-selling song and had the rare distinction of climbing the national charts in three genres: Pop, Country, and R&B; and was a member of the Million Dollar Quartet with Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Elvis Presley (1956); and

WHEREAS, the Beatles covered more Carl Perkins's songs than any other outside composer, and Paul McCartney has stated, "If there were no Carl Perkins, there would be no Beatles"; and

WHEREAS, Carl Perkins performed as part of Johnny Cash's touring entourage (1967-1975) and composed a number-one song for Cash, "Daddy Sang Bass" (1968); and

WHEREAS, Carl Perkins helped establish the Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in his hometown of Jackson, Tennessee (1981); and

WHEREAS, Carl Perkins's song "Blue Suede Shoes" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame (1986); was included in *Rolling Stone's* list of "The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time" (2004); and was included by the National Recording Preservation Board in the National Recording Registry of the Library of Congress (2006); and

WHEREAS, Carl Perkins was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame (1985), the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (second class of inductees in 1987), the Los Angeles

Rock Walk (1996), the International Rockabilly Hall of Fame (2002), and the Memphis Music Hall of Fame (2014), and was also ranked among *Rolling Stone's* list of "The 100 Greatest Artists of All Time" (2004); and

WHEREAS, Carl Perkins released his autobiography, *Disciple in Blue Suede Shoes* (1978), and his biography, *Go, Cat, Go!* (1996); and

WHEREAS, Carl Perkins's was a faithful husband of forty-five years to his wife, Valda, and was the father of four children: Stan, Debbie, Steve, and Greg; and

WHEREAS, April 9, 2016, marks Carl Perkins's eighty-fourth birthday and the sixtieth anniversary of the release of "Blue Suede Shoes"; and

WHEREAS, the King of Rockabilly brought recognition and acclaim to his native Tennessee, and his legacy should be properly celebrated and remembered by his fellow Volunteers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with music fans around the world as they celebrate April 9, 2016, as "Carl Perkins's 'Blue Suede Shoes Day'" in the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.