

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1350

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tanya Tucker upon her receipt of the 2020 Grammy Award for Best Country Album.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should honor those exemplary individuals who have contributed significantly to Tennessee's diverse and dynamic culture, winning national and international acclaim for their endeavors in the field of music; and

WHEREAS, the legendary Tanya Tucker is one such estimable individual who was recently most appropriately honored by winning the award for Best Country Album for her album, *While I'm Livin'*, at the 62nd Grammy Awards; and

WHEREAS, born on October 10, 1958, in Seminole, Texas, Ms. Tucker made her professional debut with country great Mel Tillis, who was quite impressed with the aspiring artist's talent; thereafter, she and her family moved to Las Vegas, where the young Tanya regularly performed; and

WHEREAS, a precocious girl whose confident, full-bodied vocals belied her youth, Tanya Tucker signed with Columbia Records and landed her first country hit, "Delta Dawn," when she was only thirteen years old, signaling an auspicious start to a musical career that continues today; and

WHEREAS, the following year, Ms. Tucker scored her first No. 1 on the country charts with "What's Your Mama's Name"; then, at fifteen, Tanya Tucker had a Grammy Award-nominated song to her credit and was one of the first country artists to appear on the cover of *Rolling Stone* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tucker's talent and hard work have garnered her countless accolades over the years, among them the Top New Female Vocalist award from the Academy of Country

Music (ACM) in 1972, the Female Vocalist of the Year award from the Country Music Association in 1991, and the Cliffie Stone Pioneer Award from the ACM in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Tanya Tucker's body of work is replete with poignant and inspirational songs of love and triumph, as well as some songs that are flat-out entertaining as her discography boasts over thirty albums, ten No. 1 singles, and numerous top-forty singles; and

WHEREAS, regarded as one of the best country music artists of all time, Tanya Tucker's ever-growing legacy is one that lands her firmly among the pantheon of country music greats; and

WHEREAS, Tanya Tucker epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud her on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Tanya Tucker on winning the 2020 Grammy Award for Best Country Album, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.