

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 24

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Aldridge, Anderson,
3 Ballenger, Barrington,
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4 Brogdon, Brown, Burrage,
Coates, Coffee, Corn,
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(Mike), Justice, Lamb,
8 Laster, Leftwich,
Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei,
9 Myers, Newberry, Nichols,
Paddack, Reynolds, Rice,
10 Russell, Sparks,
Stanislawski, Sweeden,
11 Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick of
the Senate

12 and

13 Dorman of the House
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17 A Joint Resolution recognizing "Do You Realize??" as
18 the official Oklahoma State Rock and Roll Song;
19 providing for codification; directing distribution;
and declaring an emergency.
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21 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature has adopted a State Folk Song
22 ("Oklahoma Hills", Jack and Woody Guthrie, 2001), a State Country
23 and Western Song ("Faded Love", Bob Wills, 1988), and an official
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1 state song ("Oklahoma", Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II,
2 1953); and

3 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has been home to many exceptional Rock and
4 Roll performers and song writers and no official Rock and Roll Song
5 has been adopted; and

6 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the 2nd Session of the
7 51st Legislature, with the Oklahoma State Senate concurring therein,
8 adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 1047 which specified how the
9 Oklahoma Historical Society would conduct a competition to select
10 the official Rock and Roll Song, how and when nominated songs would
11 be narrowed by an expert panel, the composition of the expert panel,
12 that the public would be allowed to vote for the official Rock and
13 Roll Song and provided that the winning song would be presented to
14 the Oklahoma Legislature in 2009; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2009 the Oklahoma History Center will celebrate the
16 state's Rock and Roll Heritage in an exhibit titled "Another Hot
17 Oklahoma Night"; and

18 WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma nominated four hundred and
19 fifty-four songs; the expert panel, chosen in accordance with House
20 Concurrent Resolution No. 1047, narrowed the list to ten, and the
21 people of Oklahoma voted for the top song; and

22 WHEREAS, 21,061 people voted through the Oklahoma Historical
23 Society and 10,738 or nearly 51 percent, voted for the winning song;
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1 WHEREAS, each song of the top ten is worthy to be the official
2 state Rock and Roll Song and is included in this resolution; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1956, Oklahoma school teacher Mae Boren Axton co-
4 wrote Elvis Presley's hit song "Heartbreak Hotel". An iconic song
5 in Rock and Roll's history, "Heartbreak Hotel" sat atop the pop
6 charts for eight weeks. Axton, sister of U.S. Congressman Lyle
7 Boren, continued to write songs until her death on April 9, 1997;
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9 WHEREAS, in 1958, Wanda Jackson recorded "Lets Have a Party"
10 which Capitol Records released in 1960 to chart success. Backed by
11 one of Rock and Roll's first integrated bands, the Poe Cats with
12 fellow Oklahoman Big Al Downing on piano, Jackson became the "Queen
13 of Rockabilly"; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1960, the Ventures version of "Walk, Don't Run"
15 climbed to number two on the Billboard Hot 100. Oklahoman Bob Bogle
16 suggested the band cover the song. The Ventures also included
17 Oklahoman Nokie Edwards and promoted Oklahoma guitar-maker Semie
18 Mosley's Mosrite guitars; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1965, Oklahoman J.J. Cale recorded "After Midnight"
20 which Eric Clapton re-released in 1970. J.J. Cale released another
21 version on his album "Naturally". Clapton recorded many of Cale's
22 songs. Other artists have also tapped into Cale's writing ability.
23 These include Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Band, Deep Purple, and Tom Petty;
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1 WHEREAS, in 1971, Three Dog Night released "Never Been to
2 Spain", written by Oklahoman Hoyt Axton. The song skyrocketed to
3 number five in the charts. Axton, son of songwriter Mae Boren
4 Axton, collaborated several times with this band. Hoyt Axton died
5 on October 26, 1999; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1971, Leon Russell reigned as one of Rock and Roll's
7 biggest stars. That year he released "Home Sweet Oklahoma", paying
8 homage to his native state. The song shows Russell's devotion to
9 Oklahoma; he also made the Tulsa area his base of operations. Leon
10 brought in stars such as George Harrison, Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton
11 and Tom Petty to record at his Church Studios; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1986, the Call, which included two Oklahomans,
13 Michael Been and Scott Musick, released the critically acclaimed
14 album, "Reconciled". The song "Oklahoma" conjured images of their
15 home state's tent revivals and turbulent weather. Later,
16 presidential hopeful Al Gore used The Call's "Let the Day Begin" as
17 his campaign anthem; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2002, the Flaming Lips released "Do You Realize" on
19 their album "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots", to overwhelming
20 critical success. The avant-garde band has more than three decades
21 of musical achievement, proving to be one of Oklahoma's most
22 successful bands, while winning three Grammys. The Flaming Lips
23 continue to add to their diverse and die-hard fan base; and

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1 WHEREAS, formed in 2001, the All-American Rejects released "Move
2 Along" in 2006, from their 2005 album of the same name. The song
3 hit number one on the Digital Download Chart. The band is composed
4 of Tyson Ritter and Nick Wheeler from Stillwater and Mike Kennerty
5 and Chris Gaylor from Edmond; and

6 WHEREAS, John Moreland and the Black Gold Band represent a
7 popular Oklahoma Indie band that has produced a song that reflects
8 the melodic scenes of the Sooner State. "Endless Oklahoma Sky"
9 captures a positive feeling of Oklahoma's present beauty, culture,
10 and music.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 94.11 of Title 25, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 Pursuant to a vote of the people of this state, the official
17 Oklahoma State Rock and Roll Song is hereby declared to be the words
18 and music of the song "Do You Realize??" by The Flaming Lips,
19 composed and written by Wayne Coyne, Steven Drozd, Michael Ivins and
20 Dave Fridmann. Except for nonprofit educational use, state use of
21 the State Rock and Roll Song shall be preceded by notice of the
22 intended nonprofit use to the copyright holder.

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1 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to
2 distribute copies of this resolution to Wayne Coyne, Steven Drozd,
3 Michael Ivins, Dave Fridmann and Scott Booker.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

8 Passed the Senate the 2nd day of March, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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12 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
13 2009.

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