

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION NO. 1063

By: Dorman, Hoskin and Kiesel of the House

and

Eason McIntyre, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass,
Bingman, Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain,
Crutchfield, Easley, Ellis, Ford,
Garrison, Gumm, Halligan, Ivester,
Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Mike),
Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster,
Leftwich, Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei,
Myers, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack,
Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz,
Sparks, Stanislawski, Sweeden, Sykes,
Wilson and Wyrick of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the
professional accomplishments of Mr. Leon Russell;
requesting action be taken for induction of Mr. Leon
Russell into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Leon Russell was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, and began
his music career by composing and playing keyboard and other
instruments in local bands in Tulsa during the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, he rapidly became known as a skilled musician and
because of his abilities, established music artists began to request
Leon Russell to record with them; and

WHEREAS, Leon Russell has performed with Jerry Lee Lewis, Joe
Cocker, George Harrison, Ringo Starr, Elton John, B.B. King, Freddie
King, Eric Clapton, Bill Wyman, J.J. Cale, the Beach Boys, Willie

Nelson, The Band, Edgar and Johnny Winter, Glen Campbell, the Rolling Stones and many other performers; and

WHEREAS, many artists in popular music have recorded songs written by Leon Russell and have achieved both critical and commercial success as a result; and

WHEREAS, Leon Russell is a recognized performer in his own right having recorded more than a dozen singles which achieved a chart position on either the United States or United States Country popular music charts; and

WHEREAS, he and Willie Nelson were awarded a Grammy for the single "Heartbreak Hotel" in 1980 for Best Country Vocal Performance by a Duo or Group; and

WHEREAS, Leon Russell has made an enormous contribution to music, generally, through his creative works and skills as a composer, arranger, band leader and performer; and

WHEREAS, Leon Russell was inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame in 2006; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the State of Oklahoma to acknowledge the accomplishments of Leon Russell and to urge persons within and connected to the music industry to do likewise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT, the State of Oklahoma recognizes the achievements and skills of Leon Russell, a native Oklahoman, as a composer, arranger, musician and performer of songs from many different genres of music.

THAT the State of Oklahoma extends to Leon Russell its appreciation for the many accomplishments of his musical career.

THAT the State of Oklahoma expresses pride in the skills and talents of Mr. Leon Russell as an outstanding musician.

THAT all actions required in order for Mr. Leon Russell to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame be taken at the earliest possible time.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Mr. Leon Russell, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers ("ASCAP"), the Recording Industry Association of America ("RIAA"), and to the appropriate persons comprising the governing board of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 26th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate