

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 28, 2010

House Concurrent
Resolution No. 1063

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1063 - By: DORMAN of the House and EASON MCINTYRE 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.

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

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

7 WHEREAS, Leon Russell has performed with Jerry Lee Lewis, Joe Cocker, George
8 Harrison, Ringo Starr, Elton John, B.B. King, Freddie King, Eric Clapton, Bill Wyman,
9 J.J. Cale, the Beach Boys, Willie Nelson, The Band, Edgar and Johnny Winter, Glen
10 Campbell, the Rolling Stones and many other performers; and

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

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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, Leon Russell was inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame in
10 2006; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.