

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1063

By: Dorman of the House

5 and

6 Eason McIntyre of the
7 Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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