

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize singer, songwriter, and pianist John Legend for his accomplishments in the field of entertainment and his many contributions to civic and philanthropic causes; and

WHEREAS, A five-time Grammy Award winner, John Legend burst into public consciousness in 2004 with his multiplatinum-selling debut album *Get Lifted*; he has also collaborated with such artists as Kanye West, Snoop Dogg, Lauryn Hill, and Alicia Keys to produce an impressive body of memorable music; and

WHEREAS, John Legend has broadened his appeal by branching out into television and movies, appearing several times on *The Colbert Report* and in the film *Soul Men* with Samuel L. Jackson and the late Bernie Mac; his music has been featured in the sound tracks for the films *Hitch* and *The Second Chance*; and

WHEREAS, He has made a difference in the lives of many people by starting the Show Me Campaign, which works to aid the victims of extreme poverty in Mbola, Tanzania; he has also performed at the Live Earth concert, the Peace One Day concert, and the 2008 Democratic National Convention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend John Legend on his many achievements and contributions to society and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 14, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate