State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 594

By Representatives Beck, Clemmons, Gilmore

and

Senators Harper, Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to recognize Musicians On Call on its tenth anniversary of music programs in Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those organizations that are pillars in their communities, providing vital services that enrich the lives of the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, Musicians On Call is one such organization, which celebrated its tenth anniversary of music programs in Nashville at an event held on October 26, 2017, at City Winery; and

WHEREAS, presented by National Geographic, which has teamed up with Musicians On Call to support bedside performances for veterans, the star-studded lineup featured a headlining performance by Lady Antebellum and performances from Charles Esten, Brandon Ray, The Railers, Filmore, and Chuck Wicks, with a special appearance by Peter Frampton; and

WHEREAS, hosted by iHeartMedia nationally syndicated on-air personality and Musicians On Call Board Member Bobby Bones, the sold-out concert event focused on celebrating how the organization uses music to spread joy and healing, and it raised a record-breaking $260,000 to support Musicians On Call's programs; and

WHEREAS, Musicians On Call was founded in 1999 when music and entertainment entrepreneurs Michael Solomon and Vivek Tiwary bonded over the deaths of loved ones who had passed away after lengthy hospital stays in New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Solomon assisted the Kristen Ann Carr Fund and Kristen's mother, Barbara Carr, in the organization of a concert for patients at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where the twenty-one-year-old Kristen Ann Carr had battled sarcoma; Mr. Tiwary attended the concert to support his friend Mr. Solomon while also searching for healing after having recently lost both of his parents to cancer; and

WHEREAS, after internationally acclaimed musician Wynton Marsalis played in the common area of one of the units for patients, one of the nurses said it was just what the patients needed, but it was unfortunate that some were unable to attend because they were in treatment or too sick to leave their rooms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Solomon and Mr. Tiwary reached out to their musician clients and friends to set up similar concerts; after Kenli Mattus performed a few concerts in common areas, he was asked to visit patients in their rooms, where he saw magic happening: feet began to tap, heads nodded to the beat, and smiles formed on patients' faces; and

WHEREAS, Musicians On Call was born with the goal of bringing the same magic and inspiration to the bedsides of patients in hospitals everywhere; Mr. Tiwary coordinated with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to create the foundation for its first regular Bedside Performance Program, and Mr. Solomon worked with the Kristen Ann Carr Fund to engage music industry friends and colleagues as fundraising champions. Bruce Springsteen, who is managed by Barbara Carr, supported Musician On Call's first auction and event to raise funds to start the organization; and

WHEREAS, today, Musicians On Call has grown to over sixty regular programs and performances for half a million patients, families, and caregivers nationwide, including in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, patients in Nashville have enjoyed bedside performances by Reba McEntire, Martina McBride, Kelsea Ballerini, Sam Hunt, Kelly Clarkson, Keith Urban, and Dan Auerbach of The Black Keys, among others; performances have taken place at the Nashville Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and TriStar Centennial Women's and Children's Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Musicians On Call has played an invaluable role in the lives of patients, families, and caregivers, and it is appropriate that we recognize this stalwart organization and its musicians; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Musicians On Call on its tenth anniversary of music programs in Nashville and extend our best wishes for much future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: January 22, 2018

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 29th day of January 2018

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR