State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 185

By Representatives Byrd, Akbari, Alexander, Beck, Harry Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Calfee, Camper, Carr, Casada, Clemmons, Coley, Cooper, Crawford, Curcio, Daniel, DeBerry, Doss, Dunn, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Favors, Fitzhugh, Forgety, Gant, Gilmore, Goins, Gravitt, Halford, Hardaway, Hawk, Hazlewood, Hicks, Timothy Hill, Holsclaw, Howell, Hulsey, Jernigan, Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Kumar, Lamberth, Littleton, Lollar, Love, Lynn, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Parkinson, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Ramsey, Reedy, Rogers, Rudd, Sanderson, Sargent, Cameron Sexton, Jerry Sexton, Shaw, Sherrell, Smith, Sparks, Staples, Stewart, Swann, Thompson, Tillis, Towns, Travis, Turner, Van Huss, Weaver, Dawn White, Mark White, Whitson, Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Zachary, and Madam Speaker Harwell

and

Senators Gresham, Hensley

A RESOLUTION to recognize Darryl Worley for his meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those estimable individuals who devote themselves to charitable works, thereby advancing the public good; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Darryl Worley, who, through his nonprofit corporation, has contributed to numerous charities and worked earnestly to better the lives of citizens throughout this State and beyond; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pyburn, Darryl Worley is a first-rate country music artist with nearly twenty hit singles and six albums to his credit, topping the charts with such songs as "Awful, Beautiful Life," "Have You Forgotten," and "I Miss My Friend"; he is a stellar vocalist and songwriter whose tremendous talent is matched only by his giving spirit; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, he began the Darryl Worley Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3 public benefit corporation that helps serve the needs of the people of Hardin and McNairy counties in West Tennessee, as well as the surrounding areas of Northwestern Alabama and Northeastern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, two initiatives that the foundation is currently undertaking are *The Leader in Me*, a program that serves the Hardin County school system, and efforts to coordinate with local agencies in the development of services for drug and alcohol addicts and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Darryl Worley Foundation supports organizations at the state level, such as the LeBonheur Children's Hospital and the Darryl Worley Cancer Treatment Center, as well as the national level, including St. Jude's Research Hospital and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the foundation raises money for its various charitable endeavors through general donations and the annual Tennessee River Run; taking its name from Darryl Worley's 2003 hit song, the Tennessee River Run features several events throughout the year, including a golf tournament, a boat poker run, a 5K run, a motorcycle poker run, songwriters in the round gala dinner events, and a concert held in Hardin County; in previous years, the Tennessee River Run garnered more than $1.6 million for the foundation; and

WHEREAS, known for his patriotism and support of those serving in the United States Armed Forces, Darryl Worley has spent much of his career giving back to our men and women stationed overseas; it has become a yearly tradition for him to perform for the troops serving in the Middle East. His poignant song "Have You Forgotten," which he penned following the tragic

events of 9/11, remains one of the most anticipated highlights of these and his other live shows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Worley has made great strides to benefit his native Hardin County, the Mid-South, our troops, and organizations at the national level, but his charitable efforts have been felt the world over; while he was vacationing with his wife in Fiji in 2016, the devastating Cyclone Winston struck the island nation, killing forty-four and causing nearly $500 million of property damage. In response to this tragedy, he donated all proceeds from the sale of his latest release, "Rainmaker," to Cyclone Winston relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, the true embodiment of the volunteer spirit synonymous with this State, Mr. Worley has worked tirelessly for the past fifteen years, ensuring that his foundation has a broad and lasting impact and inspiring others with his selfless service; and

WHEREAS, Darryl Worley's every endeavor is imbued with empathy and intended to help those in need, and it is fitting that he be honored; 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 hereby recognize and honor Darryl Worley for his meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, commending him for his charitable works and wishing him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

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: March 16, 2017

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of March 2017

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR