

## House Resolution 967

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Carter of the 159<sup>th</sup>, and Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Billy Currington; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Billy Currington, a native of Rincon, Georgia, performed locally as a popular  
3 country music artist, until he went to Nashville, Tennessee, hoping for a recording contract;  
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5 WHEREAS, after ten years of struggling, this talented singer and songwriter was signed by  
6 the Mercury label about two years ago; and

7 WHEREAS, his first release was "Walk A Little Straighter," written from his heart at age  
8 twelve about his alcoholic father, and the song touched America, reaching the top ten on  
9 Country Music Television, and reaching number one on the Great American Country cable  
10 music channel; and

11 WHEREAS, his second release, "I've Got a Feeling," was another stellar performance, and  
12 Shania Twain, recognized nationally as a leading country music artist, personally chose him  
13 to record a duet with her after listening to his compact disk; and

14 WHEREAS, their compact disk, "Party for Two," went straight to the top of the chart; and

15 WHEREAS, all three of his releases have appeared in the top ten for *Billboard Magazine*,  
16 the first time in seven years that the first three releases of a new country artist have achieved  
17 this ranking; and

18 WHEREAS, he has appeared on several television shows, including twice on "The Grand  
19 Ole Opry," CBS's "The Early Show," ABC's "Good Morning America," and "Lorianne  
20 Crook's Celebrity Kitchen"; and

1 WHEREAS, he continues to be proud of his home town, and his national popularity and  
2 fame have enabled him to participate in an all-star performance in Savannah for the Backus  
3 Children's Hospital to a sold-out crowd.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body commend and congratulate Billy Currington, country music star,  
6 for his achievement of national popularity, and extend sincere wishes for continued success.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Billy Currington.