

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

A RESOLUTION

To designate the third Saturday of each May as "Amie Comeaux Music Festival Day" and to honor the life and extraordinary musical accomplishments of the late Amie Comeaux.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana remember the untimely and tragic death of Amie Comeaux over ten years ago on December 21, 1997, at the tender age of twenty-one, but it is also with a profound sense of pride that she is honored as one of Louisiana's greatest talents whose voice and words live on through her amazing music; and

WHEREAS, Amie Comeaux, a native of Brusly, Louisiana, was born on December 4, 1976, as the youngest of three children and the only daughter of Carmen Wattigney and Darrell G. Comeaux; and

WHEREAS, from the age of two, she performed in front of audiences of all sizes and shapes, from living rooms to nursing homes, football games and even at the Superdome before packed crowds at the age of five; and

WHEREAS, Amie landed the lead in *Annie* at the age of nine and was also selected as the teen representative for J.C. Penney Co.; and

WHEREAS, by age seventeen Amie was one of the youngest country artists ever to be signed to a major recording label, emerging into the national spotlight with her debut album, "Movin' Out"; and

WHEREAS, by captivating audiences and collecting fans in every venue, Amie attracted huge crowds at her performances worldwide; and

WHEREAS, when her record label, Polydor Records, unfortunately ceased activities before releasing her second album, she contacted Jim Beauhall, who became her manager, and recorded twenty songs for future albums in Nashville before her untimely death; and

WHEREAS, as a tribute to this extraordinary talent, Jim Beauhall and a number of Amie's friends put together ten of her prerecorded songs and Rival Records released her second album, "A Very Special Angel," in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the ten final prerecorded songs were included in the third album "Memories Left Behind," which was released in October 2006, by beaujomusic; and

WHEREAS, the DVD, "Amie Comeaux Memories of a Very Special Angel," was released in October 2007, almost ten years after her death, which includes a live performance, six movie videos and slide show videos, her biography, a television interview, a DVD rom with over one thousand photos, and a copy of an autographed photo; and

WHEREAS, no book, no speech, and no person could convey in a thousand words what she has taught us through her voice and her music; and

WHEREAS, Amie continues to enable one to think and wonder, ponder and plan, realize and dream, and, most of all, she helps one to see the world differently through her words and her voice; and

WHEREAS, Amie Comeaux will live long in the hearts of the many lives she continues to touch through music; and

WHEREAS, the success of our country, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon people like Amie Comeaux who leave behind a legacy to touch and change the lives of our future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana honors the life and extraordinary musical accomplishments of Amie Comeaux and designates the third Saturday of each May as "Amie Comeaux Music Festival Day."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Jim Beauhall.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE