

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 246

BY SENATORS LAMBERT AND ERDEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Laine Hardy on becoming the Season 17 American Idol winner.

WHEREAS, Laine Hardy was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on September 12, 2000, and raised in Livingston, Louisiana, by his parents, Barry and Cindy Hardy; and

WHEREAS, he has a brother, Kyle, and an older sister, Brittany Banta; and

WHEREAS, Laine became the Season 17 winner of American Idol after a nationwide live vote; and

WHEREAS, while on American Idol, Laine flourished in the spotlight of the national stage and became an ambassador for the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Laine's interest in music was piqued when he picked up a guitar at the tender age of seven; and

WHEREAS, he took guitar lessons into adolescence but never received any formal vocal training; and

WHEREAS, fans from across the United States of America recognized the talent in this exceptional musician, singer, and songwriter, especially through his original songs, "In the Bayou" and "Louisiana Lady"; and

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of French Settlement High School and is supported by his proud parents, his family, the Livingston community, and the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, artists like Laine serve as an inspiration to others because of their steadfast dedication to honing their craft, and his special talents serve as an example of the incredible homegrown talent of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to herald the achievements of Louisiana's accomplished youth like Laine Hardy, a model citizen who represents the best and brightest of the state; and

WHEREAS, Laine Hardy, one of Louisiana's finest sons, merits the highest commendation and most sincere congratulations upon becoming the Season 17 American Idol winner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Laine Hardy on becoming the Season 17 American Idol winner, does hereby record for posterity the pride and honor that he brings to his family, friends, the community of Livingston, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Laine Hardy.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE