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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 436

Memorializing the President of the United States to bestow upon James Charles "Jimmie" Rodgers the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 1995

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 1995

WHEREAS, the August 1927 Bristol Recording Sessions, the beginning of commercially successful country music, launched the career of James Charles "Jimmie" Rodgers; and

WHEREAS, members of Jimmie Rodgers' original band, the Tenneva Ramblers, were native sons of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Rodgers is widely recognized as the "Father of Country Music"; and

WHEREAS, the first inductee into the Country Music Hall of Fame, Jimmie Rodgers was also the first performing artist commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp; and

WHEREAS, other musicians, including country music stars Roy Acuff and Tennessee Ernie Ford, have received Presidential Citations; and

WHEREAS, a number of Governors, state legislatures, prominent citizens, and music fans have recommended that Jimmie Rodgers be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the President of the United States be requested to bestow upon Jimmie Rodgers the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States so that he may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia.

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