

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

A RESOLUTION

To commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2018 Italian Festival in Tickfaw.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the organizers and volunteers of the Italian Festival, held annually in April in Tickfaw, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, this unique event has been a beloved tradition for the people of Tickfaw and beyond since the first festival was held in the village a decade ago; and

WHEREAS, the Italian Festival was organized many years ago and was originally called "The Little Italy Festival"; the festival moved to Tickfaw in 2009; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Italian descent comprise a significant percentage of south Louisiana's population and have had a tremendous impact on Louisiana culture, from architectural masonry to foodways to jazz and brass band music; and

WHEREAS, the annual Italian Festival in Tickfaw is a family-friendly celebration of Italian American culture and heritage featuring carnival rides, arts and crafts, entertainment from local bands, a parade, food drive, ball, and pageant; in the Spaghetti Cook-Off, judges name winners in the categories of best sauce, meatballs, and table decorations; and

WHEREAS, festival organizers, volunteers, attendees, and royal court members are celebrating ten years of the festival being held in the village of Tickfaw; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Graves, a young woman of many gifts and talents, reigns as the 2018 Italian Festival Queen with great distinction and dedication; Marie Scimeca reigns as the Spaghetti Queen and Charlie Trobona reigns as the Grand Marshal; and

WHEREAS, the organizers and volunteers of the 2018 Italian Festival in Tickfaw merit a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for the tremendous pride and honor that this wonderful annual event brings to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2018 Italian Festival in Tickfaw and does hereby recognize this extraordinary fair and festival as an integral part of the celebration of the culture and history of Italian Americans in Tickfaw and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Veda Abene, chairperson of the 2018 Italian Festival in Tickfaw.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES