

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 219

BY REPRESENTATIVES TIM BURNS, ANDERS, RITCHIE, AND ST. GERMAIN

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Recognizes the "Balcony"

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Representative Jeffery "Jeff" Arnold for his service including the  
3 establishment of the "Balcony".

4 WHEREAS, the "Balcony" is located on the second floor of the Pentagon Barracks  
5 complex overlooking the Mississippi River; and

6 WHEREAS, the Pentagon Barracks was used by the Spanish, French, British,  
7 Confederate States Army, Union Army, and the United States Army, and was part of the  
8 short-lived Republic of West Florida; and

9 WHEREAS, the Pentagon was deactivated as a Baton Rouge Post on June 6, 1879,  
10 and then through the interest of W.T. Sherman, the site was turned over to Louisiana State  
11 University in 1886, and then donated to the state of Louisiana in 1950; and

12 WHEREAS, during its use as a military post, the site was visited by many notable  
13 figures such as Gilbert du Motier de Lafayette, Robert E. Lee, George Custer, Jefferson  
14 Davis, Andrew Jackson, Lieutenant Colonel Zachary Taylor, and Abraham Lincoln; and

15 WHEREAS, under the occupancy of Representative Arnold, the "Balcony" was  
16 visited by notable dignitaries, such as former governors Edwin Edwards and Mike Foster,  
17 current Governor Bobby Jindal, Louisiana State University's mascot, Mike the Tiger, New  
18 Orleans Hornets' mascot, Hugo the Hornet, 610 Stompers, among many other musicians,  
19 political dignitaries, athletes, family, and friends alike; and

20 WHEREAS, Jeff Arnold began the tradition of the legendary Monday nights on the  
21 "Balcony", which provided a relaxed, collegial setting where party affiliations and political

1 orientations were set aside after an often contentious day at the capitol for candid policy  
2 discussions; and

3 WHEREAS, the "Balcony" originated with a small group known as the "Balcony  
4 Crew", which included Representatives Jeff Arnold, Harold Ritchie, Andy Anders, Karen  
5 St. Germain, and Tim Burns, former Representatives Cedric Richmond and Damon Baldone,  
6 and Senators Rick Gallot and Gary Smith, but has grown over the years to include many  
7 others; and

8 WHEREAS, the "Balcony Crew" provided a family atmosphere where lifelong  
9 relationships were fostered while enjoying great food, good conversation, and music.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Representative Jeffery Arnold for his efforts  
12 in establishing the legendary "Balcony".

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
14 to Representative Jeffery Arnold and the "Balcony Crew".

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Commends Representative Jeffery "Jeff" Arnold for establishing the "Balcony" at the Pentagon Barracks.