

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2024 Italian Festival in Tickfaw, Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2024 Italian Festival in
3 Tickfaw, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, the Italian Festival is a unique event held each April in Tickfaw,
5 Louisiana, that has become a beloved tradition for both locals and visitors alike; and

6 WHEREAS, the original festival was organized many years ago and was known as
7 "The Little Italy Festival"; the village of Tickfaw began hosting the Italian Festival in 2009;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, citizens of Italian descent make up a significant portion of south
10 Louisiana's population, and their communities have had a tremendous impact on Louisiana
11 culture, from architectural masonry to foodways to jazz and brass band music; and

12 WHEREAS, the annual Italian Festival in Tickfaw is a family-friendly celebration
13 of Italian-American culture and heritage featuring carnival rides, entertainment from local
14 bands, a parade, a ball, and a pageant; there is also a spaghetti cook-off where judges select
15 winners in the categories of gravy, meatballs, and table decorations; and

16 WHEREAS, Claire Edwards, a young woman of many gifts and talents, reigns as the
17 2024 Italian Festival Queen with great distinction and dedication; Donna Miller reigns as the
18 Spaghetti Queen, Frank Scelfo reigns as Grand Marshal, and Robby Miller reigns as King;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the 2024 Italian Festival royal court also includes Teen Queen, Bryelle
21 Guzzardo; Junior Queen, Addison Jones; Deb Queen, Isla Roberts; Little Queen, Anniston

1 DiBenedetto; Tiny Queen, Jonie Claire Spitale; Toddler Queen, Kylie Anthony, and
2 Princess, Anna Carter; and

3 WHEREAS, the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2024 Italian Festival
4 in Tickfaw merit a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for the tremendous pride
5 and honor that this wonderful annual event brings to the citizens of Louisiana.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court
8 of the 2024 Italian Festival in Tickfaw, Louisiana, and does hereby recognize this
9 extraordinary event as an integral part of the celebration of Italian-American culture and
10 history in the state of Louisiana.

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