

2018 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A RESOLUTION

To commend adoptee and LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center student David Scotton and his family upon the release of the documentary film *I Lived on Parker Avenue*.

WHEREAS, the short documentary film titled *I Lived on Parker Avenue* will be released online for public viewing on the evening of March 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards and First Lady Donna Edwards will host a red carpet premiere of *I Lived on Parker Avenue* on the evening of March 6, 2018, at the Governor's Mansion; and

WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* follows the life of David Scotton of Metairie, who is currently a law student at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, on his journey to meet his birth parents, Melissa Coles and Brian Nicholas, in Indiana for the first time and thank them for the gift of his life; and

WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* tells the story of David's parents, Susan and Jimmy Scotton, who adopted David at birth and have given him everything they can give as parents; and

WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* shares the life of Melissa Coles, David's birth mother who lovingly placed David for adoption after walking out of an Indianapolis abortion facility at the very last moment before an abortion; and

WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* was directed by New Orleans filmmaker Philip Braun III and produced by Benjamin Clapper through Joie De Vivre Media and Louisiana Right to Life; and

WHEREAS, David and his parents were bestowed by the Louisiana Institute for Children in Families with a Louisiana Angel in Adoption award, honoring David and his family for working to better the lives of Louisiana children through adoption; and

WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* has been showcased at the Docuslate Film Festival by Newfilmmakers Los Angeles and has been nominated for "Best Documentary - Short Category" award; and

WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* strives to reclaim the beauty of adoption in our world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend David Scotton, his family, and all those who have made possible the release of the documentary film *I Lived on Parker Avenue*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to David Scotton, Melissa Coles and Brian Nicholas, Susan and Jimmy Scotton, Governor John Bel Edwards and First Lady Donna Edwards, and the executive director of Louisiana Right to Life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES