

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY SENATOR SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Richard Lipsey upon his reign as King of the 2022 Mystick Krewe of Louisianans Washington Mardi Gras Ball.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Mr. Richard A. Lipsey upon his reign as King of the 2022
3 Mystic Krewe of Louisianans Washington Mardi Gras Ball.

4 WHEREAS, the Mystick Krewe of Louisianans Washington Mardi Gras Ball has its
5 origins among displaced Louisianians, known as the Louisiana State Society, living in our
6 nation's capital who wanted to bring the celebration to their new home in the late 1930s; and

7 WHEREAS, over the years, the Mystick Krewe of Louisianans has welcomed
8 President Richard Nixon, Vice President Gerald Ford, Vice President Al Gore, and numerous
9 cabinet secretaries and ambassadors to its celebrations; and

10 WHEREAS, Society president C.J. Bourg and Lt. Col. Leonce Legendre of New
11 Orleans were the inspiration for the first Mardi Gras ball held in 1944, for these exiled
12 Louisianians living in Washington D.C.; and

13 WHEREAS, the first king was supposed to be Lt. Col. Legendre, but he had to be
14 replaced at the last moment due to an illness; and

15 WHEREAS, since F. Edward Hebert, a member of the Louisiana Congressional
16 delegation, fit Lt. Col. Legendre's costume, he, by default, became the first Washington
17 Mardi Gras Ball king; and

18 WHEREAS, since 1944, the Mystick Krewe of Louisianans has selected a king to

1 reign over the krewe's festivities; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard A. Lipsey was selected as king by the krewe to reign over
3 the festivities in 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard is the owner of Baton-Rouge based Lipsey's, one of the largest
5 independently owned, single-location firearms distributors in the country; and

6 WHEREAS, he and his family also own Haspel, a line of men's tailored clothing that
7 originated in New Orleans in 1909; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard is also founder and partner in Lipsey Communications, a chain
9 of over three hundred wireless phone stores; and

10 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University and the Harvard Business
11 School Owner/President Management program; and

12 WHEREAS, Richard was highly active in the Reserve Officer Training Corps while
13 at LSU, where he was honored as a Distinguished Military Graduate and served as the Cadet
14 Colonel Division Commander of the then over three thousand member LSU Cadet Corps;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, while in the Army from 1962 through 1964, he served as Aide to the
17 Commanding General of the Military District of Washington and also as a Social Aide to
18 President John F. Kennedy; and

19 WHEREAS, Richard continued his commitment to public service in his civilian life
20 as a member of the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry and the Louisiana Board of
21 Regents; and

22 WHEREAS, Richard is married to Susan Haspel Lipsey; has two daughters, Laurie
23 Lipsey Aronson and Wendy Lipsey; and three grandchildren, Anna, Marla, and Luke; and

24 WHEREAS, Richard A. Lipsey merits sincere congratulations for being selected to
25 reign as King of the 2022 Mystic Krewe of Louisianans Washington Mardi Gras Ball.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
27 does hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Richard A. Lipsey upon his reign as King of the
28 2022 Mystic Krewe of Louisianans Washington Mardi Gras Ball.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
30 Mr. Richard A. Lipsey.

