

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

A RESOLUTION

To commend the 2023 Sicilian Heritage Festival in Independence, Louisiana, and its royal court on the occasion of the festival's fifteenth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Sicilian Heritage Festival celebrates the beautiful and rich Sicilian history that is prominent in the Tangipahoa Parish town of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the Sicilian Heritage Festival is held annually in downtown Independence; and

WHEREAS, this year's festival honors the 2023 royal court members: King XIV, Jim Paine; Queen XIV, Mackynzie Mannino; Madre, Marsha Mandella; and Grand Marshal, Cosimo Martello; and

WHEREAS, features of the Sicilian Heritage Festival include the Italian Heritage Cultural Museum, street dancing, live entertainment, a parade, a spaghetti cook-off, and a meatball toss competition; and

WHEREAS, the Sicilian Heritage Festival is a cherished local event that honors the cultural influence of Louisiana's Sicilian communities and is most worthy of recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the 2023 Sicilian Heritage Festival in Independence, Louisiana, and its royal court on the occasion of the festival's fifteenth anniversary; does hereby recognize the festival's royal court for serving honorably as representatives of the Sicilian community in Independence; and does hereby express great pride in the town's honoring of its Sicilian heritage.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES