

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Zydeco Extravaganza and its organizers on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Zydeco Extravaganza is held annually in Lafayette, Louisiana, and celebrates the rich and beautiful Louisiana Creole culture that is prominent in the Acadiana region; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural Zydeco Extravaganza was hosted by the Cravins family in May 1987 as a way to revive Louisiana Creole culture in Southwest Louisiana; today, the event stands as the largest one-day Zydeco festival in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Zydeco Extravaganza began as an extension of the local radio show, *The Cravins Brothers Zydeco and Info Show*, and the wildly popular television show, *Zydeco Extravaganza*, which were both hosted by Donald and Charles Cravins; and

WHEREAS, the Zydeco Extravaganza draws people from around the world every Memorial Day weekend and features an amateur accordion contest, live performances by renowned Zydeco artists, dancing, Creole food, and family activities; and

WHEREAS, the Zydeco Extravaganza has welcomed many of Zydeco music's biggest names including Buckwheat Zydeco, Beau Jocque, Boozoo Chavis, Rockin' Dopsie, Keith Frank, Terrance Simien, Rockin' Sidney, Ann Goodly, C.J. Chenier, Lil' Buck Senegal, Roy Carrier, John Delafosse, Geno Delafosse, Fernest Arceneaux, Marcelle Dugas, Nathan Williams, Zydeco Force, the Ardoin Brothers, Chris Ardoin, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette's Zydeco Extravaganza merits the highest recognition for serving as a tremendous asset for the revitalization of Louisiana Creole culture for the past thirty-five years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Zydeco Extravaganza and its organizers on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary and does hereby extend sincerest wishes for the continued prosperity and success of the celebration.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES