

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

A RESOLUTION

To commend the 2025 Sicilian Heritage Festival in Independence, Louisiana, and its royal court on the occasion of the festival's seventeenth 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 2025 royal court members: King XVI, Jerome Guzzardo; Queen XVI, Allie Landry; Madre, Cathy Phillips; and Grand Marshal, Mike Polito; 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 2025 Sicilian Heritage Festival in Independence, Louisiana, and its royal court on the occasion of the festival's seventeenth 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 honoring its Sicilian heritage.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES