

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

A RESOLUTION

To commend George Williams, also known as the Flambé King of Southwest Louisiana.

WHEREAS, George Williams, also known as the Flambé King of Southwest Louisiana, is worthy of commendation for his indefatigable commitment to both his Southwest Louisiana community and the Cajun culinary traditions that help shape it; and

WHEREAS, though George Williams grew up in Florida, he was introduced to Cajun cooking early in life when his father, Artie Williams, brought home bottles of Tabasco and other Cajun seasonings from his frequent business trips to Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Williams family eventually relocated to Southwest Louisiana and George was able to explore his passion for Cajun recipes by cooking on a regular basis for his family and for church events; and

WHEREAS, originally hired as a janitor for the Lake Charles Country Club, George Williams stayed after hours to help in the club's kitchen in order to learn more about professional cooking; through hard work and his unyielding passion for Louisiana culinary traditions, he was eventually promoted to manager of the dining room and flambé chef; and

WHEREAS, flambé became his culinary signature and George Williams developed a complete repertoire of flambé recipes for every course of a meal, including salads and desserts; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, one of his flambé recipes won an American Culinary Federation competition in Lake Charles, after which George Williams adopted the moniker of "Flambé King"; and

WHEREAS, he continues to pursue his passion for Louisiana cooking while sharing his inspirational success story with others; he actively ministers and motivates others to realize their unique gifts and talents in order to share them with their community; he works to instill a sense of pride in hard work, friendship, and self-respect in others; and

WHEREAS, George Williams has brought his message of inspiration and determination to others through helping organize anti-drug and alcohol programs in the Lake Charles community; and

WHEREAS, his unflagging commitment to his fellow citizens and his community earned him the 1991 Louisiana Governor's Award.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend George Williams, also known as the Flambé King of Southwest Louisiana, for his inspirational story of hard work, perseverance, and triumph; his dedication to his fellow citizens and the improvement of his community; and his devotion to Louisiana culinary traditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to George Williams.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES