

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIERRY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Francis Melancon, Jr., the oldest African American licensed horse trainer in the United States.

WHEREAS, Francis Melancon, Jr., has spent more than sixty of his eighty years of life training horses; he still makes his way most mornings to barn Q at Evangeline Downs Training Center in Carencro; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melancon holds the distinction of being the oldest African American licensed horse trainer in the United States; he enjoys his "kids", as he calls the horses he works with, and fondly recalls the name of the first horse he trained, Sassy Bee; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Louisiana are proud of the longevity Francis Melancon, Jr., has displayed in his horse training career; Mr. Melancon deserves special merit for attaining the singular honor of being the oldest African American licensed horse trainer in the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Francis Melancon, Jr., upon becoming the oldest African American licensed horse trainer in the United States; does hereby offer Mr. Melancon sincere and hearty congratulations; and does hereby extend best wishes for many more years of happiness with his equine friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Francis Melancon, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES