

2018 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends LSU law student David Scotton and his family upon the release of the documentary film "I Lived on Parker Avenue"

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend adoptee and LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center student David Scotton and his
3 family upon the release of the documentary film *I Lived on Parker Avenue*.

4 WHEREAS, the short documentary film titled *I Lived on Parker Avenue* will be
5 released online for public viewing on the evening of March 8, 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards and First Lady Donna Edwards will host
7 a red carpet premiere of *I Lived on Parker Avenue* on the evening of March 6, 2018, at the
8 Governor's Mansion; and

9 WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* follows the life of David Scotton of Metairie,
10 who is currently a law student at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, on his journey to
11 meet his birth parents, Melissa Coles and Brian Nicholas, in Indiana for the first time and
12 thank them for the gift of his life; and

13 WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* tells the story of David's parents, Susan and
14 Jimmy Scotton, who adopted David at birth and have given him everything they can give as
15 parents; and

16 WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* shares the life of Melissa Coles, David's birth
17 mother who lovingly placed David for adoption after walking out of an Indianapolis abortion
18 facility at the very last moment before an abortion; and

19 WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* was directed by New Orleans filmmaker
20 Philip Braun III and produced by Benjamin Clapper through Joie De Vivre Media and
21 Louisiana Right to Life; and

1 WHEREAS, David and his parents were bestowed by the Louisiana Institute for
2 Children in Families with a Louisiana Angel in Adoption award, honoring David and his
3 family for working to better the lives of Louisiana children through adoption; and

4 WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* has been showcased at the Docuslate Film
5 Festival by Newfilmmakers Los Angeles and has been nominated for "Best Documentary
6 - Short Category" award; and

7 WHEREAS, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* strives to reclaim the beauty of adoption in
8 our world.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend David Scotton, his family, and all those who
11 have made possible the release of the documentary film *I Lived on Parker Avenue*.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
13 to David Scotton, Melissa Coles and Brian Nicholas, Susan and Jimmy Scotton, Governor
14 John Bel Edwards and First Lady Donna Edwards, and the executive director of Louisiana
15 Right to Life.

DIGEST

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