

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2018 Italian Festival in Tickfaw

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2018 Italian Festival in  
3 Tickfaw.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the organizers and volunteers of the Italian  
5 Festival, held annually in April in Tickfaw, Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, this unique event has been a beloved tradition for the people of Tickfaw  
7 and beyond since the first festival was held in the village a decade ago; and

8 WHEREAS, the Italian Festival was organized many years ago and was originally  
9 called "The Little Italy Festival"; the festival moved to Tickfaw in 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, citizens of Italian descent comprise a significant percentage of south  
11 Louisiana's population and have had a tremendous impact on Louisiana culture, from  
12 architectural masonry to foodways to jazz and brass band music; and

13 WHEREAS, the annual Italian Festival in Tickfaw is a family-friendly celebration  
14 of Italian American culture and heritage featuring carnival rides, arts and crafts,  
15 entertainment from local bands, a parade, food drive, ball, and pageant; in the Spaghetti  
16 Cook-Off, judges name winners in the categories of best sauce, meatballs, and table  
17 decorations; and

18 WHEREAS, festival organizers, volunteers, attendees, and royal court members are  
19 celebrating ten years of the festival being held in the village of Tickfaw; and

20 WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Graves, a young woman of many gifts and talents,  
21 reigns as the 2018 Italian Festival Queen with great distinction and dedication; Marie

1 Scimeca reigns as the Spaghetti Queen and Charlie Trobona reigns as the Grand Marshal;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the organizers and volunteers of the 2018 Italian Festival in Tickfaw  
4 merit a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for the tremendous pride and honor  
5 that this wonderful annual event brings to the citizens of Louisiana.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court  
8 of the 2018 Italian Festival in Tickfaw and does hereby recognize this extraordinary fair and  
9 festival as an integral part of the celebration of the culture and history of Italian Americans  
10 in Tickfaw and the state of Louisiana.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
12 to Veda Abene, chairperson of the 2018 Italian Festival in Tickfaw.

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