

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 159

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Connie and Dwight Fitch on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary for their contributions to the music culture of New Orleans

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Connie and Dwight Fitch on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary  
3 and for their decades-long contributions to the music culture of New Orleans.

4 WHEREAS, Connie and Dwight Fitch are lifelong residents of New Orleans;  
5 Connie's singing talents were discovered as a student at St. Raymond Elementary School,  
6 and Dwight's music career was influenced by his father, Herbert Fitch, a talented musician  
7 in his own right; and

8 WHEREAS, Connie and Dwight met at a talent show at St. Mary's Academy and  
9 Dwight was so impressed with Connie's voice that he asked her parents if she could join his  
10 musical group; together, they formed The Exiles Band; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1971, Connie and Dwight were married by her mentor, Father  
12 Michael Farrell, S.S.J., and the couple received a special Apostolic Blessing from Pope Paul  
13 VI; and

14 WHEREAS, after he suffered a broken jaw, Dwight put down his trumpet for a new  
15 passion, the piano; and

16 WHEREAS, Connie and Dwight have been blessed with five children, all of whom  
17 are talented musicians and singers; and

18 WHEREAS, for decades, Connie and Dwight Fitch have entertained New Orleans  
19 audiences with The Exiles Band, The Crescent City Connection, The Lead Society Band,  
20 and a trio, Quiet Storm; and

1           WHEREAS, the Fitch's musical roots are grounded in the church; they serve as  
2 ministers of music and direct multiple church choirs; they also teach music at several  
3 Catholic schools in the city; and

4           WHEREAS, Connie and Dwight have served as backstage managers, music  
5 consultants, and have performed at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival for a decade;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Connie and Dwight have given of their talents and resources in ways  
8 that will reap benefits for the culture of music in New Orleans for years to come; they  
9 formed Fitchfield Foundation to provide support for music education and burial assistance  
10 for indigent musicians and musical services for the bereaved; and

11           WHEREAS, Connie and Dwight Fitch are celebrating the fifty-year anniversary of  
12 their marriage, and it is fitting to honor the harmony this couple has brought to the music  
13 community in New Orleans.

14           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Connie and Dwight Fitch upon the merry  
16 occasion of their celebration of fifty years of marriage; does hereby commend the unity and  
17 harmony in spirit which have blessed their beloved family, fruitful ministries, and the music  
18 culture of New Orleans; and does hereby extend wishes on their golden wedding anniversary  
19 for bountiful blessings and much fruit to continue to grow from their anointed union.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
21 Connie and Dwight Fitch.

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Commends Connie and Dwight Fitch on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.