

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

A RESOLUTION

To commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2024 Italian Festival in Tickfaw, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Italian Festival is a unique event held each April in Tickfaw, Louisiana, that has become a beloved tradition for both locals and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the original festival was organized many years ago and was known as "The Little Italy Festival"; the village of Tickfaw began hosting the Italian Festival in 2009; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Italian descent make up a significant portion of south Louisiana's population, and their communities have had a tremendous impact on Louisiana culture, from architectural masonry to foodways to jazz and brass band music; and

WHEREAS, the annual Italian Festival in Tickfaw is a family-friendly celebration of Italian-American culture and heritage featuring carnival rides, entertainment from local bands, a parade, a ball, and a pageant; there is also a spaghetti cook-off where judges select winners in the categories of gravy, meatballs, and table decorations; and

WHEREAS, Claire Edwards, a young woman of many gifts and talents, reigns as the 2024 Italian Festival Queen with great distinction and dedication; Donna Miller reigns as the Spaghetti Queen, Frank Scelfo reigns as Grand Marshal, and Robby Miller reigns as King; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Italian Festival royal court also includes Teen Queen, Bryelle Guzzardo; Junior Queen, Addison Jones; Deb Queen, Isla Roberts; Little Queen, Anniston DiBenedetto; Tiny Queen, Jonie Claire Spitale; Toddler Queen, Kylie Anthony, and Princess, Anna Carter; and

WHEREAS, the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2024 Italian Festival in Tickfaw merit a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for the tremendous pride and honor that this wonderful annual event brings to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2024 Italian Festival in Tickfaw, Louisiana, and does hereby recognize this extraordinary event as an integral part of the celebration of Italian-American culture and history in the state of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES