

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 146

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, ABRAMSON, JOHNSON, AND LORUSSO

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Mystic Krewe of Hermes upon its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Mystic Krewe of Hermes traces its beginnings back to the Mardi Gras celebrations of the late 1930s, first rolling through the streets of New Orleans in 1937, bringing celebration and felicity to a city still in the grip of the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, despite the adverse economic conditions of the times, the fledgling krewe was able to procure enough members and funds to finance a parade and ball on a scale comparable with that of many well-established carnival organizations in the city; and

WHEREAS, with the advent of the Mystic Krewe of Hermes, Mardi Gras in New Orleans became a five-day celebration that would eventually become one of the defining characteristics of a city known for creativity, merriment, and tradition; and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Krewe of Hermes has paraded longer than any other night parading krewe in New Orleans, keeping legions of parade-goers enthralled and entertained year after year, including in 2006 when the city and the people were still reeling from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, throughout the krewe's history, the attention to craftsmanship, detail, and story in the floats and costumes of the riders has remained constant, and this dedication and vision has garnered the organization the Best Night Parade and Best Overall Parade awards from *Gambit Weekly* in 2007, 2008, 2011, and 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Krewe of Hermes continues to light up its traditional Friday night with celebration in grand style for both crowds and krewe members alike.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Mystic Krewe of Hermes upon its seventy-fifth anniversary and does hereby extend to the krewe best wishes for its 2014 season and beyond; *laissez les bon temps roulez!*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the captain of the Krewe of Hermes.

---

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES