

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2025 Italian Festival in Tickfaw, Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2025 Italian Festival in
3 Tickfaw, Louisiana.

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Rebekah Doty, a young woman of many gifts and talents, reigns as the
17 2025 Italian Festival Queen with great distinction and dedication; Marie Guzzardo reigns
18 as the Spaghetti Queen, Dane Lindfors reigns as Grand Marshal, and Joe Guzzardo reigns
19 as King; and

20 WHEREAS, the 2025 Italian Festival royal court includes Teen Queen, Kenadie
21 Folks; Junior Queen, Addyson Damaré; Deb Queen, Alyssa Spitale; Little Queen, Aubrey

1 Anthony; Petite Queen, Amelia Myers; Tiny Queen, Berkley Latta; Toddler Queen, Reese
2 Granger; and Princess, Macie Gerarve; Jeremy DiBenedetto serves as the chairperson for
3 this year's festival; and

4 WHEREAS, the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2025 Italian Festival
5 in Tickfaw merit a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for the tremendous pride
6 and honor that this wonderful annual event brings to the citizens of Louisiana.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court
9 of the 2025 Italian Festival in Tickfaw, Louisiana, and does hereby recognize this
10 extraordinary event as an integral part of the celebration of Italian-American culture and
11 history in the state of Louisiana.

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