

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

A RESOLUTION

To commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2025 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 a spaghetti cook-off where judges select winners in the categories of gravy, meatballs, and table decorations; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2025 Italian Festival royal court includes Teen Queen, Kenadie Folks; Junior Queen, Addyson Damaré; Deb Queen, Alyssa Spitale; Little Queen, Aubrey Anthony; Petite Queen, Amelia Myers; Tiny Queen, Berkley Latta; Toddler Queen, Reese

Granger; and Princess, Macie Gerarve; Jeremy DiBenedetto serves as the chairperson for this year's festival; and

WHEREAS, the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2025 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 2025 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