

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY SENATORS CATHEY AND TALBOT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senate President Cameron Henry, Jr. for serving as the 2026 Irish Grand Marshal in the 44th Irish-Italian Parade.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Senate President Cameron Henry, Jr. for serving as the 2026 Irish Grand
3 Marshal in the Forty-Fourth Annual Irish-Italian Parade.

4 WHEREAS, the Irish-Italian Parade, one of the most awaited family-friendly events
5 in Metairie, Louisiana, each year, rolled at noon on March 22, 2026; and

6 WHEREAS, the Irish-Italian Parade was the vision of Edward L. "Eddie" Renton Sr.
7 that came to life in 1983 when the inaugural Irish-Italian Parade rolled on the streets of
8 Jefferson Parish, paving a way for the two heritages to come together; and

9 WHEREAS, for over forty-four years, the mission of the Louisiana Irish-Italian
10 Parade has been to celebrate the heritage and traditions of two proud nationalities, provide
11 a premier family-oriented event for the people of Jefferson Parish and visitors from around
12 the country, and contribute annually to local nonprofit organizations; and

13 WHEREAS, the parade is one of the largest in Metairie, drawing crowds of between
14 two hundred fifty thousand and three hundred thousand spectators who gather early to secure
15 their spots in anticipation of the floats, trucks, and marching groups that pass by and make
16 "making groceries" a festive tradition; and

17 WHEREAS, each year two grand marshals are selected, one representing Irish
18 heritage and the other representing Italian heritage; and

