

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BROADWATER, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, WHITE, WILLMOTT, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Edgar "Dooky" Chase, Jr., and Leah Chase upon the seventy-fifth anniversary of their Dooky Chase Restaurant and recognizes Leah Chase upon her receipt of the 2016 James Beard Lifetime Achievement Award

- 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
- 2 To commend Edgar "Dooky" Chase, Jr., and Leah Chase upon the seventy-fifth anniversary
- 3 of their Dooky Chase Restaurant and to recognize Leah Chase upon her receipt of
- 4 the 2016 James Beard Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1923, Leah Chase was born in Madisonville to Hortensia and Charles
- 6 Lange; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as a teenager, she worked as a waitress and a cook at a white tablecloth
- 8 restaurant, where her love of fine dining began; and

1           WHEREAS, at the age of twenty-three, she married Edgar "Dooky" Chase, Jr., a  
2 musician who was nicknamed after his father's corner sandwich shop and barroom in the  
3 Treme' neighborhood; and

4           WHEREAS, the corner sandwich shop evolved into the Dooky Chase Restaurant, one  
5 of the first African American fine dining restaurants in the country; and

6           WHEREAS, Dooky Chase Restaurant opened in 1941 and became the meeting place  
7 for music, entertainment, and civil rights, and the home of creole cooking and culture in New  
8 Orleans; and

9           WHEREAS, Mrs. Chase is known as the Queen of Creole Cuisine and is the author  
10 of several cookbooks; she has fed the likes of Quincy Jones, Duke Ellington, Thurgood  
11 Marshall, Ray Charles, Michael Jackson, and presidents George W. Bush and Barack  
12 Obama; and

13           WHEREAS, she has won numerous awards and honors, including, most recently, the  
14 prestigious James Beard Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Chase are the proud parents of Emily, Stella, Edgar  
16 "Dooky", III, and Leah, and they are also loving grandparents and great-grandparents; and

17           WHEREAS, they have made outstanding contributions to the restaurant industry in  
18 Louisiana and in the country; they deserve a sincere measure of gratitude for the many meals  
19 they have served at their legendary restaurant for seventy-five years.

20           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
21 commend Edgar "Dooky" Chase, Jr., and Leah Chase upon the seventy-fifth anniversary of  
22 their Dooky Chase Restaurant and does hereby recognize Leah Chase upon her receipt of the  
23 2016 James Beard Lifetime Achievement Award.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
25 to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar "Dooky" Chase, Jr.

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DIGEST

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Commends Edgar "Dooky" Chase, Jr., and Leah Chase upon the 75th anniversary of their Dooky Chase Restaurant and recognizes Leah Chase upon her receipt of the 2016 James Beard Lifetime Achievement Award.