

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Edgar "Dooky" Chase, Jr., and Leah Chase upon the seventy-fifth anniversary of their Dooky Chase Restaurant and to recognize Leah Chase upon her receipt of the 2016 James Beard Lifetime Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, in 1923, Leah Chase was born in Madisonville to Hortensia and Charles Lange; and

WHEREAS, as a teenager, she worked as a waitress and a cook at a white tablecloth restaurant, where her love of fine dining began; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE