

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATORS CARTER, APPEL, BISHOP, HEWITT, MORRELL AND PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends posthumously Antoine "Fats" Domino and expresses condolences to his family.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend posthumously Antoine "Fats" Domino and to express condolences to his
3 family.

4 WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize and record for posterity the extraordinary
5 achievements and contributions of Fats Domino of New Orleans, who died on Tuesday,
6 October 24, 2017, at the age of eighty-nine; and

7 WHEREAS, a lifelong New Orleanian, Fats Domino had a long and remarkable
8 career as a popular musician; he dominated pop and R&B charts from 1949 until the early
9 1960s; and

10 WHEREAS, Antoine Dominique Domino Jr., was born in the Lower Ninth Ward on
11 February 26, 1928, to Antoine Domino Sr. and Donatille Gros Domino; he was the youngest
12 of eight children; and

13 WHEREAS, at an early age, he had an affinity for playing the piano; his unique
14 piano style and voice would later appeal to audiences all over the world; and

15 WHEREAS, Fats Domino was married to Rosemary Hall from 1947 until the time
16 of her death in 2008, and together they had eight children; and

17 WHEREAS, his first record, "The Fat Man" was the first rock and roll record to sell
18 over one million copies, and was the beginning of a host of hits to follow, including

1 "Blueberry Hill", "I'm Walking", "Ain't That a Shame", and "I'm Walking to New Orleans";
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Fats Domino's career spanned more than five decades and he produced
4 over twenty-five gold singles and sold over sixty-five million records; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Domino was recognized with numerous honors and awards; in
6 1986, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; the following year, he was
7 honored with the Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award; President Clinton
8 awarded him the National Medal of Arts in 1998, and in 2004, *Rolling Stone* magazine
9 ranked him number twenty-five in its list of the "100 Greatest Artists of All Time"; and

10 WHEREAS, in spite of his success and many accolades, Fats was always a very
11 humble man with a smile that lit up a room; and

12 WHEREAS, Antoine "Fats" Domino is survived by his children, Anatole, Antonio,
13 and Adonica Domino, Antoinette Smith, Anola Hartzog, and Andrea Brimmer; numerous
14 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16 does hereby commend posthumously Antoine "Fats" Domino and express condolences to
17 his family; does hereby recognize his extraordinary musical gifts and talents; does hereby
18 extend appreciation for his enduring legacy that will continue to be a source of great pride
19 and honor for his family and friends, the city of New Orleans, and the state of Louisiana; and
20 does hereby extend thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 family of Antoine "Fats" Domino.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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