

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Jimmy Fitzmorris upon the celebration of his ninetieth birthday

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend James Edward "Jimmy" Fitzmorris, Jr., for a lifetime of remarkable
3 achievements on the memorable occasion of his ninetieth birthday.

4 WHEREAS, it was a day of great celebration on November 15, 1921, when James
5 Edward "Jimmy" Fitzmorris, Jr., took his first breath as the son of James and Romolia
6 Fitzmorris; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Fitzmorris and his late wife of fifty years, Gloria, shared a host of
8 accomplishments, but none produced a greater sense of pride than their daughter and
9 son-in-law, Lisa and Bruce, and their granddaughters, Madeline Gloria and Meredith Rose;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, a 1939 graduate of Jesuit High School, Mr. Fitzmorris studied business
12 administration at Loyola University before serving his country with valor and fortitude in
13 the United States Army from 1942 until 1946, rising from private to major; he served in the
14 Army Ready Reserves for nearly twenty years; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Fitzmorris enjoyed a successful thirty-two-year career with the
16 Kansas City Southern Railway Company, rising from his position as messenger boy to vice
17 president of the company; he retired in 1972 and remains one of the company's most valued
18 advisors; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Fitzmorris is held in the highest esteem as a gentleman who has
20 fully used every opportunity to serve his fellow citizens in an honorable and dedicated
21 manner as a two-term lieutenant governor, twelve-year member of the New Orleans City

1 Council, one of the pioneers of the development of the Louisiana Superdome, and longtime
2 board member at Mount Carmel Academy, to name just a few of the many hats he has worn
3 in his long and extremely productive life and career; and

4 WHEREAS, upon his retirement after thirty years of public service, he formed
5 Fitzmorris and Associates, Inc., where he still puts in a full day of work as president and
6 chief executive officer; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Fitzmorris, who has lent his time and talents to countless
8 community and civic organizations and been the deserving recipient of numerous honors and
9 awards, holds a special place in the annals of Louisiana history as one of the truest statesmen
10 ever to serve this great state; and

11 WHEREAS, seldom has there been a citizen of this state who has earned the
12 reputation for integrity that is enjoyed by Jimmy Fitzmorris, who is known as a man of his
13 word and a man who has accomplished much by the sheer force of his own personal
14 intelligence, strength, and credibility; and

15 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana will long reap the benefits of his profoundly
16 significant legacy, and his fellow citizens recognize this proud member of the Greatest
17 Generation as a living legend; and

18 WHEREAS, Jimmy Fitzmorris, a most distinguished and beloved son of Louisiana,
19 merits a sincere measure of commendation for his singular contributions and his exemplary
20 accomplishments as he is lauded and recognized on the historic celebration of the nine
21 extraordinary decades during which he has graced the city of New Orleans, the state of
22 Louisiana, and the United States of America with his presence.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend James Edward "Jimmy" Fitzmorris, Jr.,
25 upon the celebration of his ninetieth birthday, does hereby recognize that he exemplifies all
26 that is good about Louisiana, does hereby record the extraordinary life he has lived in the
27 ninety years since that fateful fifteenth day of November in the year nineteen hundred
28 twenty-one, does hereby extend enduring gratitude for the unparalleled contributions he has
29 made to his family, friends, city, state, and nation, and does hereby extend to him best
30 wishes for continued success and happiness in the future.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to Jimmy Fitzmorris.

DIGEST

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