

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVES DUPLESSIS AND JAMES

A RESOLUTION

To commend champion boxer Regis "Rougarou" Prograis for his many accomplishments.

WHEREAS, Regis Prograis is the defending North American Boxing Federation champion and is ranked the No. 2 boxer in the world by the World Boxing Council; originally from New Orleans, Regis "The Rougarou" Prograis was displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and relocated to Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prograis built his amateur boxing career in Houston where he amassed a remarkable 87-7 record and was ranked No. 4 in the United States; The Rougarou was the 2009 Ringside World Champion, the 2010 HORN National Champion, won regional Golden Glove awards, and competed in the 2012 Olympic trials before turning pro; and

WHEREAS, as a professional boxer, Regis Prograis is ranked the No. 2 super lightweight in the world by the World Boxing Council and has been called a knockout artist; his pro record is 20-0 with 17 knockouts, and his proficiency in boxing has led to televised national fights on ShowBox and the CBS network; The Rougarou has also fought at Barclay's Center in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Regis Prograis strives to be a positive role model for young adults in Houston and New Orleans; he is a professional athlete who takes the time to visit schools in his community to mentor students in the hopes of inspiring them with his story; he is the proud father of two children; and

WHEREAS, The Rougarou has expanded his entertainment empire to the big screen; he has a speaking role in the movie, "Louisiana Caviar", directed by Cuba Gooding, Jr., which is scheduled for release in 2018, and appeared in the music video, "Everything's

Gonna Be Alright" by PJ Morton, featuring BJ The Chicago Kid and The Hamiltones and directed by Cinemadona; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to acknowledge the fine contributions Regis "Rougarou" Prograis has made to the world of boxing and entertainment and for the work he does in his community to improve the lives of young people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Regis "Rougarou" Prograis for his many accomplishments and does hereby extend best wishes for continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Regis Prograis.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES