

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVES ABRAHAM, DWIGHT, AND MOSS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Eddie Mormon of Lake Charles for his artistic accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Eddie Mormon, a painter in Lake Charles, for his excellence as an artist and a citizen; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Mormon was born and raised in Lake Charles and was inspired to be an artist since the age of five, which is when he began bringing to life the pictures he saw in his mind's eye with dirt and sticks; and

WHEREAS, as a freshman at W.O. Boston High School in Lake Charles, Eddie won second place in a statewide art contest and realized he was truly an artist; and

WHEREAS, he made his living on the docks of the Port of Lake Charles as a stevedore for twenty years, unloading ships just as his father did, until a terrible waterfront accident left him injured; he then picked up his oils and knives again to follow his true passion; and

WHEREAS, he began to sell his paintings from the trunk of his car to friends and family until he started a fan base and could work as an artist professionally; now his creations are displayed in galleries and universities across the United States including Colorado, Louisiana, New York, Oregon, and Texas; his pieces have been shown as far away as Paris and Madrid; and

WHEREAS, Eddie's unique style of painting is accomplished using special knives and thick oil paints to create his signature style of colorful, heavy, broad strokes; and

WHEREAS, Eddie begins his mornings early, praying and focusing on his artistic vision; he enjoys his creative process alone in the studio every day; he creates more than two hundred fifty works a year; and

WHEREAS, he signs every canvas "Rock" Eddie Mormon, using a nickname given to him by his father; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Mormon is moved by God's handiwork in nature, especially flowers, landscapes, and people, and he has a generous nature and a truly giving spirit; he often donates paintings for auctions or fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, he lives with his adoring wife, Monica; they have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Eddie Mormon of Lake Charles for his outstanding artistic accomplishments, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his extraordinary gifts as an artist, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Eddie Mormon.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES