

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

COMMENDATIONS: Posthumously commends 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
11 on February 26, 1928, to Antoine Domino, Sr., and Donatile Gros Domino; he was the
12 youngest 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 ever
18 sell over one million copies, and was the beginning of a host of hits to follow, including
19 "Blueberry Hill", "I'm Walking", "Ain't That A Shame", and "I'm Walking To New
20 Orleans"; and

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

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Domino was recognized with numerous honors and awards; in
4 1986, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; the following year, he was
5 honored with the Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award; President Clinton
6 awarded him the National Medal of Arts in 1998, and in 2004, Rolling Stone Magazine
7 ranked him number twenty-five in its list of the "100 Greatest Artists of All Time"; and

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

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

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

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

DIGEST

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