

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

A RESOLUTION

To posthumously commend Tonya Marie Carola, one of the founders of the Scott Boudin Festival, to recognize the special place she holds in the history of this festival and the state, and to express appreciation to all who organize and celebrate this beloved Cajun tradition.

WHEREAS, Tonya Marie Carola, a resident and active civic leader in Scott, Louisiana, passed away on June 27, 2016, at the age of forty-eight; and

WHEREAS, Tonya loved people, loved to dance, and loved her community, and she devoted her life to service; and

WHEREAS, Tonya's civic engagements were extensive; she was active in the Rotary Club and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce; she served as president of the Scott Business Association; and she was the first woman to become a member of the Scott City Council; and

WHEREAS, one of Ms. Carola's greatest living legacies is the Scott Boudin Festival, for which she was a founding board member; and

WHEREAS, the Scott Boudin Festival is an annual celebration of family, food, arts and crafts, and music, all of which were cherished by Tonya Marie Carola; and

WHEREAS, boudin itself is one of the great traditional food specialties of the Cajun heritage and serves as a wonderful focal point for a celebration of the rich Cajun culture that has found a home in and around Scott for generations; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to posthumously commend Tonya Marie Carola for her life of exemplary service as her community celebrates the Scott Boudin Festival and remembers the singular contributions of this extraordinary woman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby posthumously commend Tonya Marie Carola, one of the founders of the Scott Boudin Festival; does hereby recognize the special place she holds in the history of this festival and the state; and does hereby express appreciation to all those who devote their time, energy, and talents to the community of Scott and neighboring communities by bringing Ms. Carola's vision to life and continuing to celebrate their rich Cajun heritage through their involvement with the Scott Boudin Festival.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES