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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Jamie Berzas on his 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend Jamie Berzas upon his 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall
3	of Master Folk Artists.
4	WHEREAS, established in 1976, the Louisiana Folklife Center is a research facility
5	that serves as an archival repository of eight hundred artist and subject files, one thousand
6	five hundred audio recordings, one hundred videotapes, a growing print library of books and
7	periodicals, and five thousand photographs; these resources have been used by CBS Evening
8	News, Turner Broadcasting Company, and Louisiana Public Broadcasting and other
9	individuals, groups, and agencies; its faculty also coordinates the Natchitoches-Northwestern
10	State University Folklife Festival; and
11	WHEREAS, an agency of Northwestern State University, the Center's mission is to
12	identify, document, and present Louisiana's rich history of folklore and folklife; and
13	WHEREAS, Mamou-born Jamie Berzas began his musical journey at the age of ten,
14	when his father taught him how to play the accordion; Jamie also learned how to play the
15	guitar and the drums; and
16	WHEREAS, in 1979 in his hometown, he founded Jamie Berzas and the Cajun
17	Tradition Band, of which he is the lead vocalist; the Cajun Tradition Band played at the 1984
18	World's Fair in Louisiana and the 1987 Annual Cajun Music Festival at Loretta Lynn's Dude
19	Ranch; and
20	WHEREAS, Jamie's band was awarded the title of Musicien Du Bal after winning
21	first place in a 1987 Bal De Maison contest at Acadian Village in Lafayette; Jamie Berzas

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to Jamie Berzas.

1 and the Cajun Tradition Band also received a Grammy nomination in 1989 for its album, A' 2 La Veille Facon, in the category of Most Traditional Folk Music Recording; and 3 WHEREAS, at the 2000 Mamou Cajun Music Festival, Jamie was honored for his 4 contributions to the genre; in 2005, he was inducted onto Fred's Lounge Wall of Fame in 5 Mamou where he shares the wall with Cajun greats Belton Richard, Aldus Roger, Jo-El 6 Sonnier, and Grand Ole Opry star Jimmy C. Newman; Fred's Lounge is world-renowned for 7 its Saturday morning dances with live Cajun bands; and 8 WHEREAS, the melodies and harmonies of the life of Jamie Berzas have contributed 9 to the folklife and folklore of Louisiana's rich and diverse musical culture; Jamie Berzas merits a special measure of commendation upon his 2019 induction into the Louisiana 10 11 Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists. 12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jamie Berzas upon his 2019 induction into 14 the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists; does hereby congratulate him on 15 his lifetime of musicianship and musical achievements; and does hereby extend to him every 16 good wish for continued success, prosperity, and happiness in the future. 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted

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