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Olivia Manning, mother of football players Peyton and Eli Manning, is quarterbacking Zatarain's "Motion for Mardi Gras," in an effort to collect online signatures to petition Congress to declare Mardi Gras a national holiday.

Living in New Orleans, Olivia and her family know all about celebrating Mardi Gras in *true* New Orleans-Style fashion. "In my home, Mardi Gras is already an official holiday and the centerpiece of the party is the food. Our celebrations are always filled with close family, great friends and, of course, terrific New Orleans-Style cuisine."

Olivia's interest in cooking started after her three sons, Cooper, Peyton and Eli, were born. Her lively kitchen and flavorful New Orleans-Style cooking were a big hit with her sons as they brought big appetites and lots of friends to the table. Her favorite dishes to make incorporate fresh seafood and traditional New Orleans staples like shrimp boil, red beans and rice and jambalaya. Her grown children still look forward to coming home for a taste of mom's cooking.

Olivia is involved in numerous philanthropic organizations. She has been a member of the Junior League of New Orleans for more than 30 years. She has also served on the Parents Board at Newman School, where her three sons attended. Additionally, she served as co-chair of the Patron Party for Newman's 100 Year Celebration.

After Hurricane Katrina, Olivia joined 100 other women from New Orleans, known as "Women of the Storm," as they visited Washington, D.C., to encourage legislators to visit New Orleans.

