

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY SENATOR SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 11, 2023, as St. John the Baptist Parish Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to acknowledge the many contributions of culture, beauty, and economic prosperity made to the state of Louisiana by St. John the Baptist Parish residents.

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish was established in 1807 as one of the original nineteen parishes of the Territory of Orleans that became the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, located on the east and west banks of the Mississippi River and uniquely positioned between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, St. John the Baptist Parish is home to over forty-two thousand residents in Edgard, Garyville, Mount Airy, LaPlace, Lucy, Pleasure Bend, Reserve, and Wallace; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish's culture provides tourists worldwide with a change of scenery and an opportunity to take in the beauty of antebellum homes and churches; and

WHEREAS, the beauty of the parish's landscape can be experienced by enjoying miles of walking and biking trails or a boat ride on one of the beautiful lakes and rivers that flow through the parish or a seat on a swamp tour or even a zipline experience through the swamp; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish is known as the Andouille Capital of the World for its uniquely flavored andouille sausage and hosts an annual andouille festival in October highlighting the delectable sausage with a weekend celebration filled with music, arts and crafts, activities, and carnival rides for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the parish's economic base is supported by the petrochemical, grain, and steel industries which flourish along the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico; the parish has a diverse labor force, a multi-modal transportation network, abundant raw materials, and available land for residential, commercial, and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, home to the largest tonnage port district in the Western Hemisphere, St. John the Baptist Parish is easily accessible for business and industry because of its location along the Mississippi River and its well-established transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish is truly unique in history, recreation, industry, food, location, and overall culture and is integral to the great state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 11, 2023, as St. John the Baptist Parish Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby acknowledge the many contributions of culture, beauty, and economic prosperity made to the state by the St. John the Baptist Parish residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to St. John the Baptist Parish President Jaclyn Hotard.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE