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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY SENATOR CONNICK

CULTURE. Designates the "Peggy Martin Rose" as the state rose.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the Peggy Martin Rose as the official state rose.

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2026, the Plaquemines Parish Council officially designated the Peggy Martin Rose as the official state rose of Plaquemines Parish, recognizing its historical significance and powerful symbolism of resilience, endurance, and renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Peggy Martin Rose is deeply rooted in the parish's history beginning with its cultivation by longtime resident Peggy Martin; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina brought catastrophic flooding to Plaquemines Parish in 2005, submerging homes and landscapes under as much as thirty feet of water; and

WHEREAS, while much was lost, one rose growing along Peggy Martin's tractor shed miraculously survived more than two weeks underwater, and this extraordinary survival transformed the rose into a symbol of hope and perseverance for the people of Plaquemines Parish and the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Peggy Martin Rose was named to honor its caretaker and has since been shared across the country, helping to raise funds for the restoration of historic gardens; and

WHEREAS, horticultural experts have recognized the Peggy Martin Rose as an exceptional plant due to its ability to withstand flooding, poor soil, and harsh environmental

conditions, which are the very qualities that also reflect the strength and spirit of Louisianians.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the Peggy Martin Rose as the official state rose.

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