

# ACT No. 843

HOUSE BILL NO. 1291

BY REPRESENTATIVES ERDEY, R. CARTER, FAUCHEUX, AND WHITE AND SENATORS ADLEY, AMEDEE, BAJOIE, BARHAM, BOASSO, BROOME, CAIN, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ELLINGTON, FONTENOT, HEITMEIER, HINES, HOLLIS, JONES, MALONE, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, ROMERO, SCHEDLER, SMITH, THEUNISSEN, AND ULLO

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:155.6, relative to state symbols; to provide the state cultural poem to be "I  
3 Am Louisiana" by Paul Ott; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 49:155.6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §155.6. State cultural poem

7 There shall be an official state cultural poem. The official state cultural poem  
8 of Louisiana, written by Paul Ott and performed by cajun culinary legend Justin  
9 Wilson, and entitled, "I Am Louisiana", to read as follows:

- 10 "I'm Spanish moss on a live oak tree
- 11 Cajun fried shrimp and a cypress knee
- 12 I'm Bienville, Captain Shreve, Beauregard,
- 13 Zach Taylor and Jean LaFitte
- 14 I'm New Orleans, the land of dreams
- 15 Creole cookin' and a Mardi Gras king
- 16 I'm a thoroughbred racin' at Louisiana Downs
- 17 Avery Island and a catahoula hound
- 18 I'm the Louisiana Hayride and the birth of the blues
- 19 The Evangeline, Chickory Coffee and Baton Rouge
- 20 I'm when the Saints Go Marchin' In . . . the Superdome
- 21 The Atchafalaya and an old plantation home
- 22 I'm jambalaya, a catfish fry and a file' gumbo

1                   A sugar cane patch, Pete Fountain,  
2                   French Quarter and Satchmo  
3                   Well, I'm the Mississippi River  
4                   As it rounds the bend  
5                   I Am Louisiana  
6                   Ya'll Come Back Again."

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_