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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATORS BROWN AND LAMBERT

SENATE. Recognizes St. James Parish as the Perique Tobacco Capital of the World.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To recognize St. James Parish as the Perique Tobacco Capital of the World.
3	WHEREAS, St. James Parish is one of Louisiana's nineteen original parishes, created
4	by act of the territorial legislature on March 31, 1807; and
5	WHEREAS, St. James Parish is part of the Acadian Coast in which Acadians settled
6	along the Mississippi River in present-day St. James in 1776; and
7	WHEREAS, St. James Parish, often referred to as the Gem of the Mississippi River,
8	prides itself of its unique culture and heritage; and
9	WHEREAS, St. James Parish is the only cultivation site in the world for Perique
10	Tobacco, a unique and rare type of tobacco, introduced by Acadian exile, a farmer, Pierre
11	Chenet, whose nickname was "Perique" in 1824; and
12	WHEREAS, Pierre Chenet's granddaughter, Coralie Decareau, married Celestin
13	Poche in February 1829, and the Poche family has been involved in the cultivation and
14	processing of Perique Tobacco through current times; and
15	WHEREAS, Perique Tobacco, known for its strong, powerful, sweet and fruity
16	aroma, is the world's exclusive source of tobacco grown in St. James Parish; and
17	WHEREAS, often considered the truffle of pipe tobaccos, Perique Tobacco is used
18	as a condiment to make nearly a hundred different brand name pipe tobaccos from around

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1	the world; and
2	WHEREAS, Perique Tobacco is used in some cigarettes, and most recently used in
3	cigars; and in a French liquor; and
4	WHEREAS, fewer than fifty acres of this crop remain in cultivation with most
5	Louisiana Perique Tobacco being cultivated by the Poche, Martin, LeBlanc, Roussel, and
6	Gravois farming families in or near Grand Pointe, Louisiana.
7	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
8	does hereby declare St. James Parish as the Perique Tobacco Capital of the World.
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
10	Timothy P. Roussel, St. James Parish President and the St. James Parish Council.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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