

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

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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

