

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 28, 2025, as St. Bernard Parish Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, May 28, 2025, as St. Bernard Parish Day at the capitol.

3 WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish lies five miles south of downtown New Orleans,  
4 Louisiana, and bestows scenic beauty, cultural treasures, bountiful waterways, and tranquil  
5 surroundings to the environs of the southeast region of the state; and

6 WHEREAS, St. Bernard is a community of congenial people who have maintained  
7 a unique cultural identity since its founding under Spanish colonial rule; Canary Islanders,  
8 who identified themselves as "Isleños", immigrated to the lower edge of the parish to join  
9 Creole-Acadian pioneers, who settled there in 1720; and

10 WHEREAS, its extraordinary history is commemorated throughout the year as  
11 visitors view historically significant sights such as the Chalmette Battlefield at Jean Lafitte  
12 National Historic Park and Preserve where, in 1815, a young nation, the United States of  
13 America, maintained control of the Mississippi River trade route by the defeat of British  
14 forces during the Battle of New Orleans on the plains of Chalmette; and

15 WHEREAS, the historic Malus-Beauregard House, built in the 1830s, is located on  
16 the battlefield grounds and is one of the most significant historic structures in the New  
17 Orleans area; and

18 WHEREAS, adjacent to the battlefield is the Chalmette National Cemetery  
19 established in 1864; its gravesites recall for visitors the various military conflicts throughout  
20 American history from the War of 1812 and the Civil War to the Vietnam War; and

1           WHEREAS, the San Bernardo Scenic Byway follows an ancient estuary that was  
2   once a main channel of the Mississippi River; this meandering roadway is festooned with  
3   grand architectural wonders constructed in the nineteenth century; and

4           WHEREAS, an abundance of waterways and wetlands make St. Bernard Parish a  
5   "Sportsman's Paradise" for fishing, hunting, trapping, and birdwatching; the parish is well  
6   known for its fresh seafood and culinary delights that reflect Creole, African, Filipino, and  
7   Spanish influences; and

8           WHEREAS, the impact of this cultural cornucopia is evident in year-round activities  
9   and festivals that reflect the heritage of this inviting southern community, including the  
10   Battle of New Orleans Commemoration, the Knights of Nemesis Mardi Gras parade, the  
11   Irish, Italian, and Isleños parades, the Los Isleños Festival, the Louisiana Crawfish Festival,  
12   the Tomato Festival, the Sugar Festival, the St. Bernard Salutes America Celebration, the  
13   Blessing of the Fleet, Trick or Trunk, the Oyster Festival, Fiesta de la Concepcion, All Saints  
14   Day Mass and Celebration, Isleños Christmas, the Christmas Tour of Homes, the  
15   Community Christmas Concert, and Santa on the Bayou; and

16          WHEREAS, ancient oaks, magnolias, and other fragrant flora align with ageless  
17   plantation homes and cemeteries where the past and present meet and come alive; and

18          WHEREAS, in the Old Arabi Historic District, several sites that are recognized by  
19   the National Register of Historic Places include the *St. Bernard Voice*, the weekly  
20   community newspaper, dating back to 1870; the Old Jail, completed in 1911; the Maumus  
21   Center, the site of the parish's first high school; the Cavaroc House, built in 1839; and  
22   Domino Sugar Refinery; and

23          WHEREAS, the people, businesses, and government entities of St. Bernard Parish  
24   displayed their resilience in rebuilding their community after its near-total destruction by  
25   Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005; and

26          WHEREAS, the multicultural oasis that is St. Bernard Parish is a medley of  
27   waterways, townships, and historic destinations teeming with a kaleidoscope of attractions  
28   and interesting people that lie nestled in the lush natural beauty of Southeastern Louisiana.

29          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
30   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 28, 2025, as St. Bernard

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- Parish Day at the capitol and does hereby acknowledge the many contributions of culture,
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- beauty, and economic prosperity made to the state by its citizens.

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DIGEST

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