

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, May 7, 2025, as Ascension Parish Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, Ascension Parish is endowed with unique history, culture, and natural beauty, situated in the heart of south Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ascension Parish is a close-knit, resilient, and hard-working community, comprised of individuals from various backgrounds, ethnicities, religions, and walks of life, each contributing their unique perspective to the parish's rich shared culture and its vibrant economy; and

WHEREAS, Ascension Parish is a vital part of Acadiana, Louisiana's Cajun and Creole heartland, dating back to its eighteenth century settlement by French and Spanish explorers, including Acadian exiles from Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS, offering an idyllic landscape of forests, prairies, swamps, bayous, and rivers, Ascension Parish is home to abundant wildlife and natural resources, providing for world class outdoor recreation and conservation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Ascension Parish is dynamic and multi-faceted, supported by major employers from a host of industry and small businesses, including agriculture, construction, entertainment, fabrication, healthcare, manufacturing, petrochemical, retail, service, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Ascension Parish's heritage is celebrated through festivals, parades, and a variety of events that honor its African, Cajun, Creole, French, Indigenous, and Spanish influences, fostering a sense of pride and community among its residents, including the Ascension Parish Fair, Boucherie Festival, Jambalaya Festival, La Fete des Bayous, Mardi Gras, music festivals, and South Louisiana Crawfish Festival.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of Louisiana does hereby celebrate and honor Ascension Parish, Louisiana, for its rich heritage, diverse community, and vital economy, and recognizes the contributions of its residents to the intricate fabric of Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wednesday, May 7, 2025, is hereby recognized as Ascension Parish Day at the Louisiana State Capitol; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Parish President of Ascension Parish and to the President and CEO of the Ascension Parish Chamber of Commerce.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE