

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, BRASS, EDMONSTON, AND WILEY

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 7, 2025, as Ascension Parish Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Ascension Parish is one of the twenty-two parishes that make up Acadiana, the heartland of the Cajun people and their culture, and the parish's roots date back to its early settlement by French and Spanish explorers; and

WHEREAS, Ascension Parish is steeped in history, culture, and the natural beauty of southeastern Louisiana; the parish showcases a picturesque landscape of forests, prairies, swamps, bayous, and rivers, and it is home to abundant wildlife and natural resources that provide for world-class outdoor recreation and conservation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Ascension Parish economy is dynamic and multi-faceted and has a foundation supported by major employers and small businesses from a host of industries, including petrochemical, retail, transportation, construction, fabrication, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the parish is currently in the process of facilitating multiple high-profile development projects that have resulted in billions of dollars of investment into the Louisiana economy; these projects include the construction of a \$5.8 billion Hyundai ultra-low carbon steel manufacturing facility and a \$4 billion investment by CF Industries to construct the world's largest low-carbon ammonia facility; and

WHEREAS, Ascension Parish's heritage is celebrated through festivals and events that honor its French, Spanish, African, and Creole influences, and celebrations like the Boucherie Festival, South Louisiana Crawfish Festival, and Jambalaya Festival foster a sense of pride and community among its residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 7, 2025, as Ascension Parish Day at the state capitol; does hereby encourage all Louisianians to celebrate the rich heritage, diverse community, and statewide economic impact of Ascension Parish; and does hereby recognize the vital contributions of its residents to the state of Louisiana.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES