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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172** 

BY REPRESENTATIVES TAYLOR AND BRASS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 15, 2025, as St. John the Baptist Parish Day at the state capitol and acknowledges Economic Development Week in St. John the Baptist Parish

A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Thursday, May 15, 2025, as St. John the Baptist Parish Day at the state capitol 3 and to acknowledge Economic Development Week in St. John the Baptist Parish. 4 WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish was established in 1807 as one of the original 5 nineteen parishes of the Territory of Orleans, which became the state of Louisiana; it is 6 uniquely positioned between New Orleans and Baton Rouge and is home to 40,000 residents 7 on the east and west banks of the Mississippi River; and 8 WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish provides tourists with a change of scenery 9 and an opportunity to take in the beauty of antebellum homes and churches; in addition, 10 visitors have access to endless recreational activities with miles of walking and biking trails, 11 swamp tours, several boat launches providing access to rivers and lakes, and a zipline 12 through the swamp; and 13 WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish Day is an opportunity for local and state 14 officials, businesses, and community leaders to celebrate and acknowledge the many 15 contributions of culture, beauty, and economic prosperity made by those who call St. John 16 the Baptist Parish home; and 17 WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish Day features a "Taste of St. John", which 18 highlights the Andouille Capitol of the World through unique Andouille sausage and seafood 19 dishes prepared by local businesses; and

1 WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish Day falls within Economic Development 2 Week, which acknowledges economic developers and the impact they have in attracting and 3 growing businesses and promoting the economic well-being and quality of life for St. John 4 the Baptist Parish; and 5 WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish's economic base is supported by the 6 petrochemical, grain, and steel industries; the parish has a diverse labor force, a multi-modal 7 transportation network, abundant raw materials, available land for residential, commercial 8 and industrial development, and the largest tonnage port district in America; and 9 WHEREAS, with its location along the Mississippi River and the transportation 10 network of highways, railroads, and a small airport, St. John the Baptist Parish is easily 11 accessible for business and industry; and 12 WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish is unique in history, recreation, industry, 13 food, location, and overall culture. 14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Thursday, May 15, 2025, as St. John the 16 Baptist Parish Day at the state capitol and does hereby acknowledge Economic Development 17 Week in St. John the Baptist Parish.

## DIGEST

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