

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY REPRESENTATIVES TAYLOR AND BRASS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, May 15, 2025, as St. John the Baptist Parish Day at the state capitol and to acknowledge Economic Development Week in St. John the Baptist Parish.

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish was established in 1807 as one of the original nineteen parishes of the Territory of Orleans, which became the state of Louisiana; it is uniquely positioned between New Orleans and Baton Rouge and is home to 40,000 residents on the east and west banks of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish provides tourists with a change of scenery and an opportunity to take in the beauty of antebellum homes and churches; in addition, visitors have access to endless recreational activities with miles of walking and biking trails, swamp tours, several boat launches providing access to rivers and lakes, and a zipline through the swamp; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish Day is an opportunity for local and state officials, businesses, and community leaders to celebrate and acknowledge the many contributions of culture, beauty, and economic prosperity made by those who call St. John the Baptist Parish home; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish Day features a "Taste of St. John", which highlights the Andouille Capitol of the World through unique Andouille sausage and seafood dishes prepared by local businesses; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish Day falls within Economic Development Week, which acknowledges economic developers and the impact they have in attracting and growing businesses and promoting the economic well-being and quality of life for St. John the Baptist Parish; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish's economic base is supported by the petrochemical, grain, and steel industries; the parish has a diverse labor force, a multi-modal transportation network, abundant raw materials, available land for residential, commercial and industrial development, and the largest tonnage port district in America; and

WHEREAS, with its location along the Mississippi River and the transportation network of highways, railroads, and a small airport, St. John the Baptist Parish is easily accessible for business and industry; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish is unique in history, recreation, industry, food, location, and overall culture.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Thursday, May 15, 2025, as St. John the Baptist Parish Day at the state capitol and does hereby acknowledge Economic Development Week in St. John the Baptist Parish.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES