

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 73

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Cure for being named the top bar in the United States by *Food & Wine* magazine.

WHEREAS, in 2025, *Food & Wine* magazine named Cure as the top bar in the United States; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans has long been regarded as the "cradle of cocktail civilization" and the city has a rich legacy of mixology, tradition, and innovation that spans centuries; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the people of New Orleans demonstrated unparalleled resilience while individuals and businesses alike worked together to rebuild and reimagine the city's future; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Cure founders, Neal Bodenheimer and Matthew Kohnke, transformed a historic, turn-of-the-century firehouse on Freret Street into New Orleans' first stand alone craft cocktail bar and ignited a modern movement in a city deeply rooted in cocktail history; and

WHEREAS, Cure has served as a symbol of New Orleans' rebirth and progress, bridging the city's storied cocktail traditions with forward-thinking innovation and providing a welcoming space for both cocktail connoisseurs and curious newcomers; and

WHEREAS, nationally regarded as a pioneer in the New Orleans craft cocktail movement, Cure won the coveted James Beard Foundation Award for "Outstanding Bar Program" in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Cure is celebrated for its elevated versions of classic drinks like the Sazerac, as well as its original creations such as the Gunshop Fizz and seasonal cocktails like the Girl Dinner, all of which highlight both local ingredients and artistic presentation; and

WHEREAS, the bar's commitment to honoring both past and present is evident in its diverse menu, which has evolved over the years to reflect changing tastes, industry trends, and a growing emphasis on zero-proof drink options; and

WHEREAS, Cure remains a vital cultural and economic force in the Freret Street corridor and continues to showcase New Orleans' ability to rebuild, reinvent, and lead while celebrating the city's traditions and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, Cure and its team embody the dual role of "innovators and keepers of the flame" carrying forward the cocktail legacy of New Orleans while setting a national standard for excellence in hospitality.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Cure for being named the top bar in the United States by *Food & Wine* magazine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Neal Bodenheimer and Matthew Kohnke.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE