

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX AND PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, June 14, 2022, as Mr. Tony Chachere Day and to recognize and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his company, Tony Chachere's Famous Creole Cuisine.

WHEREAS, cooking is a sacred activity in Creole homes, and dining is a celebration of life, family, and friends that feeds not only hunger, but also the soul; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tony, a noted sportsman, chef, and bon vivant of Opelousas, Louisiana, known as the "Ole Master" of fine Creole cuisine, decided as a retirement hobby to fulfill his lifelong dream of starting a cooking company; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Tony wrote and published his famous *Cajun Country Cookbook*, selling the first ten thousand copies out of the back of his station wagon within weeks; and

WHEREAS, among the many recipes in the book was that of his favorite homemade seasoning which became in great demand among many Gulf Coast residents who wanted to buy the trademark blend, thus Tony Chachere's Famous Creole Cuisine was born; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tony's famous seasoning has been used in dozens of cookbooks and cooking contests and even in motion pictures, having delighted people from all walks of life, from dignitaries to everyday people from around the world; and

WHEREAS, in March 1995, Mr. Tony was honored as the first inductee into the Louisiana Chef's Hall of Fame, dying one week later, three months shy of his ninetieth birthday; and

WHEREAS, his legacy has grown from the original Creole Seasoning to the addition of bold and new no salt blends and has expanded to almost everything Creole: salad dressings, marinades, dinner mixes, roux & gravy mixes, and a highly regarded bloody mary mix; and

WHEREAS, his nationally recognized brand has developed additional authentic Creole/Cajun recipes and products, and is still family-owned and operated by multiple generations of the Chachere family in Opelousas, Louisiana, occupying a 150,000 square-foot facility with more than one hundred full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and commend Mr. Tony Chachere and the Tony Chachere's Famous Creole Cuisine for continuing to feed the appetites and souls of people around the world, making Louisiana proud.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, June 14, 2022, as Mr. Tony Chachere Day and recognizes and celebrates the year 2022 as the fiftieth anniversary of Tony Chachere's Famous Creole Cuisine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Don Chachere Jr., president of the company.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES