

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY SENATOR MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as "St. John the Baptist Parish Day" at the Louisiana 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 19 parishes of the Territory of Orleans, which became the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish 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's culture provides tourists with a change of scenery and an opportunity to take in the beauty of antebellum homes and churches; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish offers 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, business, 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 also features a "Taste of St. John" highlighting the Andouille Capitol of the World through unique andouille sausage and seafood dishes prepared by local businesses; and

WHEREAS, this year St. John the Baptist Parish Day falls within Economic Development Week, acknowledging 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, St. John the Baptist Parish's location along the Mississippi River and the transportation network of highways, railroads, and a small airport make the Parish easily accessible for business and industry; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday May 8, 2024, as "St. John the Baptist Parish Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby acknowledge Economic Development Week in St. John the Baptist Parish.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE