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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

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FISHING/SHRIMP: Expresses good wishes from the Louisiana Legislature to the Louisiana shrimping fleet on Opening Day of the 2011 brown shrimp season

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

| 2  | To express heartfelt good wishes to the Louisiana shrimping fleet as they embark on            |
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| 3  | Opening Day of the 2011 brown shrimp season.   |
| 4  | WHEREAS, Louisiana is well known across the United States and around the world                 |
| 5  | for its abundant seafood and particularly for its high-quality and delicious shrimp with       |
| 6  | nearly seventy percent of the domestic shrimp product coming from Louisiana waters; and        |
| 7  | WHEREAS, shrimping in Louisiana has traditionally been responsible for nearly                  |
| 8  | fourteen thousand jobs, with a dockside value of the 90 to 120 million pounds of shrimp        |
| 9  | landed each year in Louisiana in excess of \$144,600,000 which translates into a retail value  |
| 10 | in excess of \$961,900,000; and  |
| 11 | WHEREAS, the total economic effect on Louisiana's economy each year from                       |
| 12 | Louisiana shrimping is traditionally in excess of \$1.25 billion with state and local taxes in |
| 13 | excess of \$91 million and federal taxes in excess of \$83 million; and                        |
| 14 | WHEREAS, like most of South Louisiana, the shrimping industry has been                         |
| 15 | devastated by the many disasters which have befallen Louisiana in recent years – Hurricanes    |
| 16 | Katrina and Rita in 2005, Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008, impacts from the Deepwater        |
| 17 | Horizon oil rig explosion and oil release in the Gulf of Mexico throughout much of 2010,       |
| 18 | and now are confronted with high river waters along the Mississippi River and the              |
| 19 | Atchafalaya River with fisheries already closed in anticipation of the influx of high levels   |
| 20 | of freshwater; and   |

1 WHEREAS, in spite of continued disaster mode in which the shrimping industry has 2 found itself in recent years, they continue to ply the waters catching shrimp for the world's 3 dinner tables and restaurants; and 4 WHEREAS, today, May 16, 2011, is Opening Day of the spring brown shrimp 5 season as designated by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and we hope for 6 a good season for our shrimpers and for a beginning to their recovery from years of natural 7 and manmade disasters. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 express heartfelt good wishes to the Louisiana shrimping fleet as they embark on Opening

## **DIGEST**

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Day of the 2011 brown shrimp season.

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Billiot HCR No. 101

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