

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express heartfelt good wishes to the Louisiana shrimping fleet as they embark on
Opening Day of the 2011 brown shrimp season.

WHEREAS, Louisiana is well known across the United States and around the world for its abundant seafood and particularly for its high-quality and delicious shrimp with nearly seventy percent of the domestic shrimp product coming from Louisiana waters; and

WHEREAS, shrimping in Louisiana has traditionally been responsible for nearly fourteen thousand jobs, with a dockside value of the 90 to 120 million pounds of shrimp landed each year in Louisiana in excess of \$144,600,000 which translates into a retail value in excess of \$961,900,000; and

WHEREAS, the total economic effect on Louisiana's economy each year from Louisiana shrimping is traditionally in excess of \$1.25 billion with state and local taxes in excess of \$91 million and federal taxes in excess of \$83 million; and

WHEREAS, like most of South Louisiana, the shrimping industry has been devastated by the many disasters which have befallen Louisiana in recent years – Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008, impacts from the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and oil release in the Gulf of Mexico throughout much of 2010, and now are confronted with high river waters along the Mississippi River and the Atchafalaya River with fisheries already closed in anticipation of the influx of high levels of freshwater; and

WHEREAS, in spite of continued disaster mode in which the shrimping industry has found itself in recent years, they continue to ply the waters catching shrimp for the world's dinner tables and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, today, May 16, 2011, is Opening Day of the spring brown shrimp season as designated by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and we hope for

a good season for our shrimpers and for a beginning to their recovery from years of natural and manmade disasters.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt good wishes to the Louisiana shrimping fleet as they embark on Opening Day of the 2011 brown shrimp season.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE