

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commends ExxonMobil and recognizes Monday, March 21, 2016, as ExxonMobil Day

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend ExxonMobil and recognize Monday, March 21, 2016, as ExxonMobil Day at
3 the Louisiana State Capitol.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and gratitude that the Louisiana House of
5 Representatives commends ExxonMobil for the contributions its operations have made to
6 the economy of the state of Louisiana and to the prosperity of its citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, as one of the top employers in the state of Louisiana, ExxonMobil has
8 more than eleven thousand employees, retirees, and contractors in Louisiana; ExxonMobil
9 has workers in nearly every corner of Louisiana, from the Haynesville Shale to the Baton
10 Rouge chemical plants to the deep water of the Gulf of Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, the ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Refinery is the largest manufacturing
12 employer in Louisiana and the fourth largest refinery in the United States, and the Baton
13 Rouge Chemical Plant is the second largest manufacturing employer in the state with
14 ExxonMobil's Louisiana operations paying more than one billion one hundred million
15 dollars in gross payroll wages to nearly four thousand employees statewide over the past
16 decade; and

17 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's engineers, scientists, skilled workers, and support staff
18 in Louisiana have played crucial roles in shaping the energy and petrochemical industry for
19 more than a century with revolutionary research innovations and technological
20 breakthroughs; and

21 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's Louisiana operations pay approximately one hundred
22 twenty-five million dollars in state and local taxes each year including nearly nineteen

1 million dollars in property taxes in East Baton Rouge Parish alone, and has paid more than
2 one billion dollars in state and local taxes over the past ten years; and

3 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil and its thousands of employees and retirees take an active
4 role in the betterment of the surrounding communities throughout the state of Louisiana by
5 providing tens of thousands of volunteer hours annually to numerous nonprofit organizations
6 and local food banks as well as providing financial support to dozens of educational,
7 environmental, cultural, and humanitarian groups through charitable contributions and
8 matching grants including the donation of nearly five million dollars each year to hundreds
9 of civic, community, and educational organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's facilities in Louisiana are dedicated to operating in an
11 environmentally responsible manner and have been recognized for their efforts as a recipient
12 of numerous awards for their environmental leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil is committed to continuous improvement in the safety of
14 its employees, contractors, and the community and its Louisiana facilities have been
15 recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for their voluntary
16 protection programs and safety performance; and

17 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's facilities in Louisiana represent substantial long-term
18 investments and their operations retain existing jobs and attract new jobs, provide tax
19 revenue, spur economic growth, and help meet the world's growing energy needs; and

20 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
21 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon businesses like
22 ExxonMobil, which is taking on the world's toughest energy challenges.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend ExxonMobil on more than a century of
25 partnership and progress with Louisiana and does hereby recognize Monday, March 21,
26 2016, as ExxonMobil Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
28 to ExxonMobil's Louisiana Operations.

DIGEST

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