

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's Louisiana operations pay approximately one hundred twenty-five million dollars in state and local taxes each year including nearly nineteen million dollars in property taxes in East Baton Rouge Parish alone, and has paid more than one billion dollars in state and local taxes over the past ten years; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES