

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Wednesday, May 4, 2011, as La. Chemical Industry Day

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize May 4, 2011, as "Louisiana Chemical Industry Day" in the state of Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, nature endowed Louisiana with gifts that provided the springboard for
4 major industry and that has brought great benefit to the people of this state; and

5 WHEREAS, these gifts include abundant oil and natural gas, salt dome caverns,
6 sulfur deposits, fresh water, and access to the oceans of the world through the Calcasieu
7 Basin and the Mississippi River; and

8 WHEREAS, the petrochemical industry that has grown around these natural
9 amenities has become one of Louisiana's greatest assets; and

10 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry acknowledges that it depends on
11 Louisiana and its residents for its resources, a well-trained workforce, and a strong business
12 climate; and

13 WHEREAS, this industry provides direct jobs for more than twenty-two thousand
14 Louisianians and tens of thousands more in hundreds of businesses that support the industry;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Louisiana is the nation's third largest chemical producer, the largest
17 producer of agricultural chemicals, and the second largest producer of organic and inorganic
18 chemicals; and

19 WHEREAS, the industry contributes hundreds of millions of dollars to state and
20 local coffers through direct tax payments and through household earnings generated by the
21 Louisiana chemical industry; and

1 WHEREAS, Louisianians' lives are enhanced and improved every day by chemical
2 products produced in Louisiana, ranging from fire resistant foam used in our beds and chairs
3 in which we sit; to the nitrogen in bags that give potato chips a longer shelf life; to golf
4 clubs; to hard hats; to bullet proof vests; to contact lenses; to pacemakers; and to thousands
5 more consumer products; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry is a group of companies that also
7 comprise a collection of people who want the same things their neighbors want - safe and
8 clean communities with vibrant neighborhoods, good schools, and a strong economy; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana chemical companies, their employees, vendors, and suppliers
10 follow the example of generosity set by Louisianians by donating approximately one-third
11 of all monies raised by the United Way in Louisiana - more than any other business sector;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry is essential to the state's economic
14 growth and to its economic development.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 4, 2011, as "Louisiana Chemical
17 Industry Day" in the state of Louisiana.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 Louisiana Chemical Association.

DIGEST

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