

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 6, 2022, as Coastal Conservation Association Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, April 6, 2022, as Coastal Conservation Association Day at the
3 state capitol.

4 WHEREAS, the Coastal Conservation Association, or CCA, was founded in 1983
5 by a small group of coastal anglers to preserve and protect Louisiana's coastal resources; and

6 WHEREAS, the CCA is a grassroots, nonprofit organization that is comprised of
7 thirty chapters consisting of roughly 25,000 members and volunteers from every parish; and

8 WHEREAS, coastal angling is a way of life in Louisiana; it is enjoyed by hundreds
9 of thousands of men, women, and children each year and generates billions of dollars of
10 economic impact and tens of thousands of jobs; and

11 WHEREAS, the CCA has been instrumental in every significant coastal fisheries
12 management issue in Louisiana since 1983, and the association has advocated for
13 improvements to management of redfish, speckled trout, drum, flounder, tarpon, red snapper,
14 tuna, cobia, shrimp, oysters, crabs, menhaden, and many other types of marine life; and

15 WHEREAS, the CCA, along with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and other
16 conservation partners, has built thirty-five artificial reefs across Louisiana which provide
17 habitats for a large variety of iconic coastal species; and

18 WHEREAS, the CCA hosts the annual Statewide Tournament and Anglers Rodeo,
19 the largest saltwater fishing tournament in Louisiana; it runs from Memorial Day to Labor
20 Day, welcoming more than 10,000 participants annually; and

1 WHEREAS, the CCA provides education and outreach to tens of thousands of
2 Louisianians each year, including thousands of children via school and youth group
3 presentations, through which its message of coastal stewardship and conservation is
4 delivered; and

5 WHEREAS, the CCA hosts TAG Louisiana, which is one of the nation's most
6 prolific and longest-running scientific fish tagging programs; for more than three decades,
7 TAG Louisiana has facilitated the tagging and release of more than 500,000 saltwater fish
8 by volunteer "citizen scientists" and provided biological data to fisheries managers in the
9 state and across the Gulf; and

10 WHEREAS, the CCA hosts the annual Louisiana Legislative Rodeo to help inform
11 Louisiana leaders about issues that impact coastal resources and the recreational fishing
12 industry; it will be held on August 5th and 6th, 2022, in Grand Isle.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 6, 2022, as Coastal
15 Conservation Association Day at the state capitol and does hereby express appreciation to
16 all of the CCA chapters and members who volunteer their time and talents to ensure the
17 well-being of Louisiana's marine resources.

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

DIGEST

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