

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY SENATOR MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the International Paper facility "Bogalusa Containerboard" Mill on its One Hundredth Anniversary and on one hundred years of successful operations.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and the Legislature of the State of Louisiana acknowledge the One Hundredth Anniversary of the International Paper facility, now "Bogalusa Containerboard" Mill, and on one hundred years of successful operations; and

WHEREAS, in the early twentieth century, because of the thick pine forest surrounding it, this industrial city was developed as a company town, providing worker housing for the workers and supervisors, and other infrastructure and services in association with Great Southern Lumber Company Sawmill; and

WHEREAS, the Bogalusa Mill was built in 1917 and opened in 1918 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Great Southern Lumber Company, at the time the largest sawmill in the world; and

WHEREAS, it was the first kraft and pulp paper mill in Louisiana and one of the first in the United States and the South; and

WHEREAS, the quick and rapid growth and construction of this magical city earned it the name "Magic City" which it is still referred to today by most of the locals, natives, and many citizens throughout Louisiana and the South because of the mill; and

WHEREAS, many generations of families have worked at this mill over the past century, making it the heart of the "Magic City" that encompasses it; and

WHEREAS, this plant has great economic impact, known today as the International Paper "Bogalusa Containerboard" Mill, is the largest private employer in Washington Parish, Louisiana, with four hundred seventy-five full-time jobs, and in addition, it provides jobs for support personnel plus hundreds of contractor jobs; and

WHEREAS, the annual payroll of the mill is forty-eight million dollars, and the mill pays over six million dollars annually in state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, at International Paper, safety is the number one concern, the employees are dedicated to a culture of safety that ensures no job at the mill is more important than getting employees and contractors home safely at the end of each day; and

WHEREAS, the Bogalusa Mill is also committed to the high standards of not just meeting, but surpassing, the environmental permit levels set for by state and federal protection agencies; and

WHEREAS, at the Bogalusa Mill, the complete paper-making process from tree to finished product is done onsite, and during the process, materials are not wasted; they are recovered and used by the mill to generate a percentage of its own electricity and a certain percentage of its own fuels for steam generation and power; and

WHEREAS, the three hundred acre site has two paper machines that produce containerboard, the end uses including corrugated boxes, bulk packaging, and shipping containers; and

WHEREAS, the mill has an average load of twenty-five trucks (carrying 500 tons) and twenty-five railcars (carrying 1,675 tons) per day with an average shipping distance of eight hundred ninety-six miles, and an annual production of 840,000 tons; 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 the longevity of productive businesses like the International Paper facility "Bogalusa Containerboard" Mill.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby acknowledge and congratulate the International Paper facility "Bogalusa Containerboard" Mill on its One Hundredth Anniversary and for one hundred years of successful operations in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to mill manager, Bernie Chascin.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES