

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY SENATOR MILLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission to establish a website to provide relevant and current information to the oilfield workers of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, in Louisiana in 2008, the estimated number of derrick operators was one thousand six hundred and thirty, the estimated number of rotary drill operators was one thousand seven hundred, and the estimated number of roustabouts was four thousand and eighty; and

WHEREAS, the one hundred forty mile stretch of U.S. Highway 90 from Lafayette to the Westbank Expressway in New Orleans has the highest density of energy workers in the nation and is called the "Energy Corridor"; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Corridor is one of the top ten industrial corridors in terms of jobs per capita and has access to more navigable water miles than any other region of its size in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the volume of crude oil and natural gas flowing through the Energy Corridor represents approximately one hundred and fifty billion dollars in annual energy revenue; and

WHEREAS, Port Fourchon along the Energy Corridor services ninety percent of all deepwater rigs and platforms in the Gulf of Mexico and it is the host of the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Energy Information Administration, the Haynesville Shale is producing about 5.5 billion cubic feet a day of natural gas, which makes it the top producing natural gas play in the United States; and

WHEREAS, some fifty miles off the Louisiana coast, the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig experienced a massive and deadly explosion and fire on April 20, 2010, before sinking and leaking oil into the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, such explosion and fire resulted in the deaths of eleven workers and numerous injured workers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig on

April 20, 2010, and the ensuing disastrous impacts, the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior, Ken Salazar, issued a moratorium on deepwater exploration in the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, an estimated nine thousand workers who directly supplied or supported activity on the thirty deepwater rigs were affected by the moratorium; and

WHEREAS, the oilfield workers of Louisiana provide the support and backbone that fuel the oil and gas industry in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide relevant and current information relating to events, developments, and job opportunities in the oilfield industry, the Louisiana Workforce Commission should establish a website and provide such information to the workers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Louisiana Workforce Commission to establish a website to provide relevant and current information to the oilfield workers of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES