

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY SENATOR MARTINY AND REPRESENTATIVE TALBOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 11, 2018, as Ports Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to express appreciation for all of the ports that move Louisiana forward economically every day.

WHEREAS, Louisiana has an abundant and robust port system ranging from ports along the Mississippi, Calcasieu, Red, Atchafalaya, and Ouachita rivers, the Louisiana coast, and inland waterways extending to all areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, services provided at these ports help sustain local, regional, and statewide economies; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana ports are also a point of connection between producers of products in the state and buyers of products throughout the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, each port offers unique advantages and helps to encourage industrial development, directly and indirectly providing jobs to local citizens and revenues to local governments, as well as international and global trade dealing with Louisiana ports and major pockets of industry and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's agricultural, petrochemical, food, paper, wood, and fabricated metal products with national and global trade, which are dependant upon the state's ports, produce five hundred twenty-five thousand Louisiana jobs, nearly thirty-three billion dollars in personal earnings, and over four billion dollars in the state and local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana ports carry twenty-five percent of United States waterborne commerce; and

WHEREAS, ports, tenants, and businesses serving ports produce seventy-seven thousand jobs and over four billion dollars in personal earnings; and

WHEREAS, the state's ports have grown in assets by almost six hundred million dollars in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, to remain competitive, the Louisiana ports plan approximately ninety-two projects with an estimated cost of one billion eight hundred million dollars over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Transportation Plan recommends an investment of over seven billion dollars for port and channel improvement in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Port Priority Program has significantly supported the building of port infrastructure and for every dollar invested in the program, the state of Louisiana receives eight dollars in taxes, jobs, and economic benefits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 11, 2018, as Ports Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby express its appreciation for all of the ports that move Louisiana forward economically every day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Ports Association of Louisiana and to each port, harbor, or terminal district in the state of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES