

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR CHAISSON

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 4, 2011, as "Louisiana Chemical Industry Day".

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 4, 2011, as "Louisiana Chemical Industry Day".

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE