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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 292

BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER AND CHASSION

A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to take such actions as are necessary to properly inspect and ensure the safety of imported seafood.

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) discovered in August of 2025 that imported shrimp being sold in United States grocery stores was radioactive; and

WHEREAS, several days later, at different grocery stores, the FDA found again that tens of thousands of packages of radioactive frozen shrimp products were being sold to United States consumers; and

WHEREAS, the FDA confirmed in August that imported seafood was contaminated with Caesium-137, which is a radioactive isotope; and

WHEREAS, inspections of imported seafood are conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration which is within the United States Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, only one or two percent of imported seafood products are actually inspected on a daily basis while countries such as the United Kingdom and China inspect around half of their imported seafood products; and

WHEREAS, the domestic shrimp industry has long been critical of foreign shrimp imports pointing out the amount of shrimp stopped by United States Customs and Border Control for containing antibiotics and other contaminants; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 alone, eighty-one shipments of foreign shrimp were refused by the FDA over the presence of banned narcotics; and

WHEREAS, the United States, and Louisiana particularly, has robust fishing and shrimping operations that catch and distribute clean, safe domestic seafood that is not just safer for American consumers, but also provides jobs for hard-working Americans and boosts the economies of the country and of the state; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator John N. Kennedy and Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser have both urged the federal government to implement additional measures to deter the use of imported shrimp and to better ensure the safety of the seafood imports we do allow to be distributed to consumers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump signed an executive order in 2025 entitled "Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness" and the first step to restoring the competitiveness of domestic seafood is to stop importing unsafe and potentially tainted seafood from overseas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to take such actions as are necessary to properly inspect and ensure the safety of imported seafood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, to the undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES