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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 6-12, 2018, as National Travel and Tourism Week at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, travel has a positive effect on Louisiana's and the nation's economic prosperity and on business productivity and each individual travelers' well-being; and

WHEREAS, travel to and within the United States generated more than \$2.3 trillion in economic output in 2016, with nearly \$1 trillion spent directly by travelers; and

WHEREAS, travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, and supported 15.3 million jobs in 2016, including 8.6 million directly in the travel industry and 6.7 million in other industries; and

WHEREAS, travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$158 billion for federal, state, and local governments; such revenues are used to support essential services and programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, visitors to Louisiana spent \$16.8 billion, with visitor expenditures resulting in \$1.04 billion in state tax revenue and supporting 231,567 jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS, international travel to the United States is the nation's number one services export; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, travel generated \$245 billion in exports and created a \$84 billion trade surplus for the United States; and

WHEREAS, meetings, events, and incentive travel are core business functions that help companies strengthen business performance, educate employees and customers, and reward business accomplishments, which in turn boosts the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, domestic and international business travelers spent \$307.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips in the United States, spurs countless benefits to travelers' health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships; and

WHEREAS, travel is a pillar of economic growth and creates jobs at a faster rate than other sectors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 6-12, 2018, as National Travel and Tourism Week at the state capitol, and hereby encourages the citizens of Louisiana to celebrate this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES