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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Motor Transport Association and to welcome trucking industry professionals to the state capitol for the 2018 Truck Day.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Motor Transport Association was founded in 1939 and has become the voice of the trucking industry by championing and representing the industry before state, local, and federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Motor Transport Association encourages its members to participate in advocacy programs and has brought its board of directors, past presidents, and leadership council to join the Legislature of Louisiana for Truck Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Motor Transport Association continues to successfully promote safety and efficiency as one of its tenets through programs that include data tracking, sharing the road, and safety first; and

WHEREAS, the trucking industry is committed to sharing its road safety principles with all vehicles and the industry sends a team of professional truck drivers to communities nationwide to inform drivers of passenger vehicles about a truck's blind spots and stopping distances and teaches them how to merge safely around large trucks; and

WHEREAS, members of the Louisiana Motor Transport Association put safety first through improved driver training, investment in advanced safety technologies, and active participation in industry safety initiatives at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, transportation and infrastructure are critical components of and have a direct impact on Louisiana's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana trucking industry pays close to five hundred million dollars in federal and state roadway taxes each year, which strengthen transportation and infrastructure across the state; and

WHEREAS, over eighty percent of all communities in the United States rely exclusively on the trucking industry to move its consumer goods and products; and

WHEREAS, the trucking industry continues to improve energy and environmental efficiency even while increasing the number of miles driven; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, trucks consumed ninety-seven billion fewer gallons of fuel than passenger vehicles in the United States and accounted for just seventeen percent of the total highway transportation fuel consumed; and

WHEREAS, the trucking industry makes up approximately seventy-five percent of the transportation industry, which makes true the adage, "if you bought it, a truck brought it"; and

WHEREAS, the trucking industry contributes immensely to employment throughout the United States by employing ten million people in the industry; and

WHEREAS, employment has grown despite the trucking industry being considered the industry of small business, with ninety-three percent of interstate motor carriers operating twenty or fewer trucks; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the trucking industry provides over eighty-eight thousand jobs and pays over four billion dollars in wages, with an average salary of nearly forty-five thousand dollars.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Motor Transport Association for continuing to champion the trucking industry, does hereby express its gratitude for the hard work of the industry professionals and their commitment to our state and the economy, and does hereby offer greetings and salutations to the members of the Louisiana Motor Transport Association upon their visit to the state capitol to celebrate Truck Day on May 1, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana Motor Transport Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE