

1 WHEREAS, imports lower prices and increase choices for Louisiana companies and
2 families; and

3 WHEREAS, trade-supported jobs are not just at companies that export and import;
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5 WHEREAS, trade supports higher wages for workers and lower costs for companies
6 and consumers, providing them with more money to spend on other things; and

7 WHEREAS, this spending supports additional jobs throughout the economy in
8 sectors like entertainment, education, and construction; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks among the top U.S. state exporters in various industries,
10 including grain and oilseed milling products, farmed fish, petroleum and coal products, and
11 basic chemicals; and

12 WHEREAS, a purposeful and strategic approach to trade regulation, agreements, and
13 investments would benefit Louisiana's economic future and the future of Louisiana families.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 direct the House Committee on Commerce, or a subcommittee thereof, and the Senate
16 Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, or a
17 subcommittee thereof, to meet and to function as a joint committee to study the best
18 international trade practices to implement in order to capitalize on Louisiana's competitive
19 advantage in international trade and to report the findings of the joint committee to the
20 legislature prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of
21 Louisiana.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further directs the
23 joint committee to solicit input, information, data, recommendations, and advice from the
24 following agencies and organizations:

25 (1) The Department of Economic Development.

26 (2) The Department of Transportation and Development.

27 (3) Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

28 (4) The Committee of 100.

29 (5) The Louisiana Chemical Association.

30 (6) Ports Association of Louisiana.

- 1 (7) Louisiana Association of Waterways and Shipyards.
 - 2 (8) Louisiana Rail Association.
 - 3 (9) Louisiana Motor Transportation Association.
 - 4 (10) Any persons, agencies, entities, or stakeholders that it deems necessary to fulfill
 - 5 the purposes of the joint committee.
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