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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER, COATES, DEWITT, TRAVIS JOHNSON,
LACOMBE, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, ORGERON, RISER, STAGNI, AND
ZERINGUE AND SENATOR MIGUEZ

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to impose a quota or tariff on imported shrimp, crab meat, and crawfish and to enact a buy plan for domestic shrimp, crab meat, and crawfish directly from domestic commercial fishermen.

WHEREAS, the domestic fishing industry has faced severe hardships, such as Hurricane Ida and other natural disasters, repeated openings of the Bonnet Carre Spillway, unfair trade practices, illegal chemicals, rising inflation, gas prices, and supply chain issues; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2022, United States Congressman Garret Graves announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) purchased up to twenty-five million dollars of Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic wild caught shrimp; and

WHEREAS, Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act authorizes the USDA to purchase domestic shrimp; and

WHEREAS, purchases such as this will help provide relief to Louisiana's shrimp industry; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's seafood industry is the largest supplier in the country and the main economic driver in coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, more relief is necessary for the Louisiana seafood industry to compete with foreign importers; and

WHEREAS, strategies to ensure that domestic commercial fishermen are able to sell their products are necessary for the continued success of the Louisiana seafood industry; and

WHEREAS, plans to buy shrimp directly from domestic commercial shrimp fishermen are of vital importance to ensure the success of coastal communities that rely heavily on this industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to impose a quota or tariff on imported shrimp, crab meat, and crawfish and to enact a buy plan for domestic shrimp, crab meat, and crawfish directly from domestic commercial fishermen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE