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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 7, 2013, as Louisiana Chemical Industry Day

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, May 7, 2013, as Louisiana Chemical Industry Day.

3 WHEREAS, nature endowed Louisiana with gifts that provided the springboard for
4 major industry which has brought great benefits to the people of the state; and

5 WHEREAS, these gifts include abundant oil and natural gas, salt dome caverns,
6 sulfur deposits, fresh water, and access to oceans of the world through the Calcasieu Basin
7 and Mississippi River; and

8 WHEREAS, the petrochemical industry that has grown up around these natural
9 amenities has become one of Louisiana's greatest assets; and

10 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry acknowledges that it depends upon
11 Louisiana and its residents for its resources, a well-trained workforce, and a strong business
12 climate; and

13 WHEREAS, this industry provides the most direct jobs in Louisiana's manufacturing
14 sector, employing nearly twenty-seven thousand Louisiana citizens in fifty-three of the
15 state's sixty-four parishes, and tens of thousands more employees in hundreds of businesses
16 that support the industry; and

17 WHEREAS, an additional one hundred forty thousand jobs are generated indirectly
18 by chemical industry activity in Louisiana, and the Louisiana chemical industry produces
19 nearly fifty-eight billion dollars in products annually, the third highest total in the nation; and

20 WHEREAS, Louisiana exports over eight billion dollars in chemical products
21 annually to other parts of the world; and

1 WHEREAS, chemical industry wages in Louisiana are forty-seven percent higher
2 than the average manufacturing wages in Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, the industry contributes more than one billion dollars annually to state
4 and local coffers through direct tax payments and through household earnings generated by
5 the Louisiana chemical industry; and

6 WHEREAS, almost nine billion dollars of total direct employee earnings are
7 generated by local chemical companies; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisianians' lives are enhanced and improved every day by chemical
9 products produced in Louisiana, ranging from fire-resistant foam used in bedding and the
10 chair on which we sit to the nitrogen in bags that give potato chips a longer shelf life, to golf
11 clubs, to hard hats, to bulletproof vests, to contact lenses, to pacemakers, and to thousands
12 more consumer products; and

13 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry is more than just a group of companies
14 and is comprised of a collection of people who want the same things their neighbors want:
15 safe and clean communities with vibrant neighborhoods, good schools, and a strong
16 economy; and

17 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry is essential to the state's economic
18 growth and to its economic development.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the essential role the chemical industry plays
21 in Louisiana's economic development and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 7, 2013, as
22 Louisiana Chemical Industry Day.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
24 to the Louisiana Chemical Association.

DIGEST

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Recognizes Tues., May 7, 2013, as Louisiana Chemical Industry Day.