## 2015 Regular Session

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

#### BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO

# SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April as Louisiana Crawfish Month

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize the month of April as Louisiana Crawfish Awareness Month.
3	WHEREAS, for more than four hundred years, fishermen have been harvesting the
4	bounty of seafood in the Gulf of Mexico and Louisiana's inland waterways; and
5	WHEREAS, one out of every seventy jobs in Louisiana is related to the seafood
6	industry, which has an economic impact of over \$2.4 billion annually for the state of
7	Louisiana; and
8	WHEREAS, Louisiana has over one thousand crawfish farmers and more than eight
9	hundred commercial fishermen who catch wild crawfish; and
10	WHEREAS, Louisiana leads the nation, producing more than ninety percent of the
11	domestic crop of crawfish; and
12	WHEREAS, the annual yield of crawfish harvested each year in Louisiana ranges
13	from 120 million pounds to 150 million pounds, and the annual economic impact of crawfish
14	is more than 300 million dollars; and
15	WHEREAS, crawfish farming in Louisiana has developed into the largest freshwater
16	crustacean aquaculture industry in the United States; and
17	WHEREAS, Louisiana crawfish is most abundant during the spring, and boiled
18	crawfish is a Cajun tradition that honors Louisiana's Cajun French heritage; and
19	WHEREAS, crawfish and seafood have a strong economic and cultural role in the
20	lives of Louisianans, and this role is typified by family owned restaurants in Louisiana, such

- 1 as Deanie's Seafood Restaurants and Seafood Market, where Louisiana's culture of strong
- 2 family and community ties combines with culinary heritage and traditions; and
- 3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the month of April as Louisiana Crawfish
- 4 Awareness Month to raise awareness to the importance of the crawfish industry, to recognize
- 5 the fishermen of Louisiana, and to celebrate Louisiana's Cajun French heritage.
- 6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
- 7 recognize the month of April as Louisiana Crawfish Awareness Month; does hereby
- 8 recognize and commend the farmers and fishermen who make this industry possible; and
- 9 does hereby celebrate Louisiana crawfish as an integral part of the economy and culture of
- 10 the state.
- 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 12 to the owner of Deanie's Seafood Restaurants and Seafood Market.

#### DIGEST

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