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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

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LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Recognizes Wednesday, May 11, 2016, as Ports Day at the state capitol.

A RESOLUTION

2	To recognize Wednesday, May 11, 2016, as Ports Day at the state capitol.
3	WHEREAS, Louisiana has an abundant and robust port system ranging from ports
4	along the Mississippi, Calcasieu, Red, Atchafalaya, and Ouachita rivers, the Louisiana coast,
5	and inland waterways extending to all areas of the state; and
6	WHEREAS, Louisiana ports support domestic and international trade, carry
7	twenty-five percent of United States waterborne commerce, support nearly twenty percent
8	of oil and gas service and exploration, and commercial fishing industries, and provide
9	specific services to the communities in which they are located; and
10	WHEREAS, services provided at these ports help sustain local, regional, and
11	statewide economies; and
12	WHEREAS, Louisiana ports are also a point of connection between producers of
13	products in the state and buyers of products throughout the country and the world; and
14	WHEREAS, each port offers unique advantages and helps to encourage industrial
15	development, directly and indirectly providing jobs to local citizens and revenues to local
16	governments; and
17	WHEREAS, Louisiana's agricultural, petrochemical, food, paper, wood, and
18	fabricated metal products industries rely on Louisiana ports to move their goods in national

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and global trade, and are dependent on and supported by Louisiana ports that support five hundred twenty-five thousand Louisiana jobs, or one in five Louisiana jobs, produce thirty-three billion dollars in personal earnings, and four billion two hundred million dollars in state and local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's ports assets have grown by almost six hundred million dollars in the last decade, and ports' businesses and tenants serving port cargo, cruise, and support operations employ and support seventy-seven thousand additional jobs, produce over four billion dollars in personal earnings, two-hundred ninety-eight million dollars in state taxes, and two hundred thirty-five million dollars in local taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Port Construction and Development Priority Program has significantly supported the building of port infrastructure and for each one dollar of funding to the program, Louisiana receives eight dollars in jobs, taxes, and economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, despite uncertain funding, to remain competitive, Louisiana ports are planning approximately ninety-two projects costing one billion eight hundred million dollars over the next five years which is supported by the 2015 Statewide Transportation Plan that recommends the investment of seven billion six hundred million dollars in port infrastructure and waterways.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 11, 2016, as Ports Day at the state capitol and does hereby express its appreciation of the economic importance of ports to the Louisiana economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Ports Association of Louisiana and to each port, harbor, and terminal district in the state.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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