

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. for seventy-five years of continuous service.

WHEREAS, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (Air Products), a company that supplies atmospheric, process and specialty gases, for effective solutions to energy, environment and emerging market challenges, is celebrating seventy-five years of continuous service; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Parker Pool founded Air Products in 1940 in Detroit, Michigan, on a simple but revolutionary idea: the "on-site" concept of producing and selling industrial gases; and

WHEREAS, World War II diverted the company's attention to the design and manufacture of mobile generators to produce oxygen for use by the U.S. military and foreign allies in high-altitude flights; and

WHEREAS, in support of America's emerging missile and space program, Air Products built plants capable of producing tonnage quantities of liquid oxygen and nitrogen; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Air Products entered the international market for industrial gases in Great Britain, and today operates in fifty countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Air Products established production of liquid hydrogen at a facility east of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Air Products was awarded a long-term contract from NASA to supply liquid hydrogen to the United States' space shuttle program, which is produced at the New Orleans facility; and

WHEREAS, Air Products is the leading global supplier of refinery hydrogen, helping oil producers create cleaner burning fuels; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Air Products' industrial gas complex in New Orleans, was inundated with more than eight feet of water after Hurricane Katrina made landfall; and

WHEREAS, after ensuring its employees' safety, the company began draining the facility and working to restore operations; and

WHEREAS, due to hardworking Air Products employees, operations were restored in just over two months, helping to relieve a constrained liquid hydrogen market; and

WHEREAS, today, Air Products operates nineteen facilities in Louisiana, serving a variety of industries in eleven parishes: Ascension, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and West Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Air Products continues to invest in Louisiana, including four major hydrogen plants along the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to the Greater New Orleans area; and

WHEREAS, those facilities connect to the company's hydrogen pipeline network system, which is the largest in the world, running from the New Orleans region to the Houston Ship Channel; and

WHEREAS, Air Products owes much of its seventy-five year success to the know-how and innovative spirit of its twenty thousand employees worldwide as well as its three hundred Louisiana employees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. for seventy-five years of continuous service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE