

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Tuesday, May 9, 2017, as Ports Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 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
5 coast, and inland waterways extending to all areas of the state; and

6 WHEREAS, services provided at these ports help sustain local, regional, and
7 statewide economies; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana ports are also a point of connection between producers of
9 products in the state and buyers of products throughout the country and the world; and

10 WHEREAS, each port offers unique advantages and helps to encourage industrial
11 development, directly and indirectly providing jobs to local citizens and revenues to local
12 governments; and

13 WHEREAS, Louisiana's agricultural, petrochemical, food, paper, wood, and
14 fabricated metal products, which are dependant upon the state's ports, produce five hundred
15 twenty-five thousand Louisiana jobs, close to thirty-three billion dollars in personal earnings,
16 and over four billion dollars in state and local tax revenue; and

17 WHEREAS, Louisiana ports carry twenty-five percent of United States Waterborne
18 Commerce; and

19 WHEREAS, ports, tenants, and businesses serving ports produce seventy-seven
20 thousand jobs and over four billion dollars in personal earnings; and

1 WHEREAS, the state's ports have grown in assets by almost six-hundred million
2 dollars in the last decade; and

3 WHEREAS, to remain competitive, the Louisiana ports are planning approximately
4 ninety-two projects, with an estimated cost of one billion eight hundred million dollars over
5 the next five years; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Transportation Plan recommends an investment of over
7 seven billion dollars for port and channel improvement; and

8 WHEREAS, the Port Priority Program has significantly supported the building of
9 port infrastructure, and for every dollar invested in the program, the state of Louisiana
10 receives eight dollars in taxes, jobs, and economic benefits.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 9, 2017, as Ports Day at the
13 state capitol and does hereby express its appreciation for all of the ports that move Louisiana
14 forward.

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

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