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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility on being awarded the "Certified Louisiana" logo by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility on being awarded the "Certified Louisiana" logo by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

WHEREAS, R.S. 3:4721 authorizes the department to develop and adopt an official logo for products grown, manufactured, or produced in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the department has launched a new system to certify authentic Louisiana products and further increase the visibility of Louisiana's products; and

WHEREAS, for a product to be eligible for inclusion in the "Certified Louisiana" logo program, the product must be made, grown, manufactured, processed, produced, or substantially transformed in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the "Certified Louisiana" logo program serves as a marketing tool to help support companies located in Louisiana and gives them an advantage when consumers see the logo; and

WHEREAS, Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans is NASA-owned and managed for the agency by the Marshall Space Flight Center; and

WHEREAS, the Michoud Assembly Facility is a world-class manufacturing facility providing vital support to NASA exploration and discovery missions; and

WHEREAS, the Michoud Assembly Facility is unique in that it contains one of the

world's largest indoor manufacturing facilities, with over nine hundred thousand square feet of office space, a deep water port, and its own dedicated rail head; and

WHEREAS, the Michoud Assembly Facility provides approximately three hundred forty-two million dollars of economic output in Louisiana and over ninety-nine million dollars in wages and benefits for the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, the Michoud Assembly Facility supports several major projects for America's next generation of space transportation vehicles, including NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) heavy-lift rocket and the Orion spacecraft; and

WHEREAS, over one thousand employees work on the SLS and over three thousand five hundred employees work on the Michoud Assembly Facility campus on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana-based manufacturing and assembly of the SLS and the Orion spacecraft led to the Michoud Assembly Facility meeting the requirements of the department's logo program; and

WHEREAS, it is proper to award the "Certified Louisiana" logo to NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility, based upon its dedication to manufacturing products aimed at enhancing and promoting the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility on being awarded the "Certified Louisiana" logo by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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