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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY SENATOR MARTINY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes Wednesday, April 11, 2018, as Ports Day at the state capitol.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize Wednesday, April 11, 2018, as Ports Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and
3	to express appreciation for all of the ports that move Louisiana forward economically
4	every day.
5	WHEREAS, Louisiana has an abundant and robust port system ranging from ports
6	along the Mississippi, Calcasieu, Red, Atchafalaya, and Ouachita rivers, the Louisiana coast,
7	and inland waterways extending to all areas of the state; and
8	WHEREAS, services provided at these ports help sustain local, regional, and
9	statewide economies; and
10	WHEREAS, Louisiana ports are also a point of connection between producers of
11	products in the state and buyers of products throughout the country and the world; and
12	WHEREAS, each port offers unique advantages and helps to encourage industrial
13	development, directly and indirectly providing jobs to local citizens and revenues to local
14	governments, as well as international and global trade dealing with Louisiana ports and
15	major pockets of industry and economic development; and
16	WHEREAS, Louisiana's agricultural, petrochemical, food, paper, wood, and
17	fabricated metal products with national and global trade, which are dependant upon the
18	state's ports, produce five hundred twenty-five thousand Louisiana jobs, nearly thirty-three

billion dollars in personal earnings, and over four billion dollars in the state and local tax
revenue; and
WHEREAS, Louisiana ports carry twenty-five percent of United States waterborne
commerce; and
WHEREAS, ports, tenants, and businesses serving ports produce seventy-seven
thousand jobs and over four billion dollars in personal earnings; and
WHEREAS, the state's ports have grown in assets by almost six hundred million
dollars in the last decade; and
WHEREAS, to remain competitive, the Louisiana ports plan approximately
ninety-two projects with an estimated cost of one billion eight hundred million dollars over
the next five years; and
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Transportation Plan recommends an investment of over
seven billion dollars for port and channel improvement in the state; and
WHEREAS, the Port Priority Program has significantly supported the building of
port infrastructure and for every dollar invested in the program, the state of Louisiana
receives eight dollars in taxes, jobs, and economic benefits.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
recognize Wednesday, April 11, 2018, as Ports Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and does
hereby express its appreciation for all of the ports that move Louisiana forward economically
every day.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
Ports Association of Louisiana and to each port, harbor, or terminal district in the state of
Louisiana.

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