

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Motor Transport Association and to welcome trucking industry professionals to the 2018 Truck Day at the capitol.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Motor Transport Association was founded in 1939 and has become the "the Voice of the Trucking Industry" by championing and representing the industry before state, local, and federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Motor Transport Association encourages its members to participate in advocacy programs and has brought its board of directors, past presidents and leadership council to join the Louisiana Legislature at Truck Day at the state capitol; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Motor Transport Association successfully continues to push safety and efficiency as one of its tenets with programs that include data tracking, safely sharing the road, and safety first; and

WHEREAS, transportation and infrastructure are critical components of the state of Louisiana's economy; and

WHEREAS, trucking makes up approximately seventy-five percent of the transportation industry which makes true the adage, "if you bought it, a truck brought it"; and

WHEREAS, over eighty percent of all communities in the United States rely exclusively on trucks to deliver all of their fuel, clothing, medicine, and other consumer goods, and the trucking industry employs ten million people (out of a total national population of 300 million) in jobs that relate directly to trucking, and the trucking industry is the industry of small business, considering ninety-three percent of interstate motor carriers (over 500,000) operate twenty or fewer trucks; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the trucking industry provides over 88,000 jobs and pays over four billion dollars in wages with an average salary of nearly forty-five thousand dollars and furthermore pays nearly half a billion dollars in federal and state roadway taxes each year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Motor Transport Association for continuing to champion the trucking industry; does hereby express its gratitude for the hard work of the industry professionals, and their commitment to our state and the economy; and does hereby offer greetings and salutations to the members of the LMTA upon their visit to the state capitol on May 1, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Motor Transport Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE