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2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Creates a task force to study how to best capitalize on Louisiana's international trade potential

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To authorize and direct the House Committee on Commerce, or a subcommittee thereof, and
3	the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International
4	Affairs, or a subcommittee thereof, to meet and to function as a joint committee to
5	study what legislative measures should be taken to best capitalize on Louisiana's
6	competitive advantage in international trade by 2030 and to report the findings of the
7	joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular Session
8	of the Legislature of Louisiana.
9	WHEREAS, Louisiana contains three of the most important waterways in the world:
10	the Mississippi River, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and the Calcasieu Ship Channel; and
11	WHEREAS, Louisiana's port and rail connections are considered among the top
12	global freight transportation hubs; and
13	WHEREAS, international trade, including exports and imports, supports more than
14	one in five jobs; and
15	WHEREAS, more than ninety-five percent of the world's population and eighty
16	percent of the world's purchasing power lie outside of the United States; and
17	WHEREAS, the future economic growth and jobs for Louisiana and America
18	increasingly depend on expanding U.S. trade and investment opportunities in the global
19	marketplace; and
20	WHEREAS, export growth increases jobs by generating new business for Louisiana's
21	manufacturers, service providers, and farmers; and

1	WHEREAS, imports lower prices and increase choices for Louisiana companies and
2	families; and
3	WHEREAS, trade-supported jobs are not just at companies that export and import;
4	and
5	WHEREAS, trade supports higher wages for workers and lower costs for companies
6	and consumers, providing them with more money to spend on other things; and
7	WHEREAS, this spending supports additional jobs throughout the economy in
8	sectors like entertainment, education, and construction; and
9	WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks among the top U.S. state exporters in various industries,
10	including grain and oilseed milling products, farmed fish, petroleum and coal products, and
11	basic chemicals; and
12	WHEREAS, a purposeful and strategic approach to trade regulation, agreements, and
13	investments would benefit Louisiana's economic future and the future of Louisiana families.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15	direct the House Committee on Commerce, or a subcommittee thereof, and the Senate
16	Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, or a
17	subcommittee thereof, to meet and to function as a joint committee to study the best
18	international trade practices to implement in order to capitalize on Louisiana's competitive
19	advantage in international trade and to report the findings of the joint committee to the
20	legislature prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of
21	Louisiana.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further directs the
23	joint committee to solicit input, information, data, recommendations, and advice from the
24	following agencies and organizations:
25	(1) The Department of Economic Development.
26	(2) The Department of Transportation and Development.
27	(3) Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.
28	(4) The Committee of 100.
29	(5) The Louisiana Chemical Association.
30	(6) Ports Association of Louisiana.

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- 1 (7) Louisiana Association of Waterways and Shipyards.
- 2 (8) Louisiana Rail Association.
- 3 (9) Louisiana Motor Transportation Association.
- 4 (10) Any persons, agencies, entities, or stakeholders that it deems necessary to fulfill
- 5 the purposes of the joint committee.

## **DIGEST**

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