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2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Continues the Joint Subcommittee on International Trade to study how to best capitalize on Louisiana's international trade potential

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To continue the Joint Subcommittee on International Trade of the House Committee on
3	Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
4	International Affairs that was created pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No.
5	69 of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana to study what
6	legislative measures should be taken to best capitalize on Louisiana's competitive
7	advantage in international trade by 2030 and to report the findings of the joint
8	committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session of
9	the Legislature of Louisiana.
10	WHEREAS, Louisiana contains three of the most important waterways in the world:
11	the Mississippi River, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and the Calcasieu Ship Channel; and
12	WHEREAS, Louisiana's port and rail connections are considered among the top
13	global freight transportation hubs; and
14	WHEREAS, international trade, including exports and imports, supports more than
15	one in five jobs; and
16	WHEREAS, more than ninety-five percent of the world's population and eighty
17	percent of the world's purchasing power lie outside of the United States; and
18	WHEREAS, the future economic growth and jobs for Louisiana and America
19	increasingly depend on expanding United States trade and investment opportunities in the
20	global marketplace; and

1	WHEREAS, export growth increases jobs by generating new business for Louisiana's
2	manufacturers, service providers, and farmers; and
3	WHEREAS, imports lower prices and increase choices for Louisiana companies and
4	families; and
5	WHEREAS, trade-supported jobs are not just at companies that export and import;
6	and
7	WHEREAS, trade supports higher wages for workers and lower costs for companies
8	and consumers, providing them with more money to spend on other things; and
9	WHEREAS, this spending supports additional jobs throughout the economy in
10	sectors like entertainment, education, and construction; and
11	WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks among the top U.S. state exporters in various industries,
12	including grain and oilseed milling products, farmed fish, petroleum and coal products, and
13	basic chemicals; and
14	WHEREAS, a purposeful and strategic approach to trade regulation, agreements, and
15	investments would benefit Louisiana's economic future and the future of Louisiana families.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17	extend the Joint Subcommittee on International Trade of the House Committee on
18	Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International
19	Affairs to meet and to study the best international trade practices to implement in order to
20	capitalize on Louisiana's competitive advantage in international trade and to report the
21	findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular
22	Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further directs the
24	joint subcommittee to solicit input, information, data, recommendations, and advice from
25	the following agencies and organizations:
26	(1) The Department of Economic Development.
27	(2) The Department of Transportation and Development.
28	(3) Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.
29	(4) The Committee of 100.
30	(5) The Louisiana Chemical Association.

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

DIGEST

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