

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY SENATOR PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans on its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, July 9, 2021, marks the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans in 1896; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans was created by the Louisiana Legislature to administer public wharves and to regulate trade and traffic on the Mississippi River in the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, and St. Bernard; and

WHEREAS, today the Port of New Orleans is a modern multimodal gateway for global commerce and an in-demand cruise port; and

WHEREAS, maritime activity plays an important role as an economic engine and a cruise and tourism driver throughout the Port's tri-parish area, and the Board of Commissioners continues to provide an integrated freight gateway while acting as an environmental leader; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the Port of New Orleans and New Orleans Public Belt Railroad are vital to the Port's mission to drive the economy for this tri-parish jurisdiction, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the work they do every day contributes to the common cause of creating jobs for Louisiana families and delivering goods for the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans employs a strong, ready workforce fostering a connection between residents and industry, and facilitating access to the economic opportunities available in the maritime and transportation sectors; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is an international trade participant with one in five jobs tied to the maritime industry; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and the employees of the Port of New Orleans are working now to ensure the infrastructure is in place to allow the state of Louisiana to efficiently accommodate industry's largest shipping carriers for the next one hundred twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans continues to strive to be the global gateway for Louisiana and the entire Mississippi River.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans on its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE