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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Monday, April 24, 2023, as Coastal Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To designate Monday, April 24, 2023, as Coastal Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.
3	WHEREAS, with a population of more than two million people, coastal Louisiana
4	is home to a rich diversity of people, communities, and cultural traditions and is home to a
5	variety of industries, ecosystems, and natural resources which feed and nourish its people
6	and the nation's economy; and
7	WHEREAS, Louisianians have a deep and abiding love for their coast, and their rich
8	cultural heritage is closely connected to the land and water; and
9	WHEREAS, with thirty percent of the nation's wetlands and ninety percent of its
10	wetlands loss, Louisiana has lost over 2,000 square miles of land since the 1930s as a result
11	of both natural and manmade changes to the environment; and
12	WHEREAS, our state plays a vital role in the economic infrastructure of America,
13	with her ports carrying 20 percent of all United States waterborne commerce, providing 26
14	percent (by weight) of commercial fisheries landings, and supplying 18 percent of our
15	nation's oil; and
16	WHEREAS, the coast's intrinsic value, as a working coast, home to millions of
17	citizens, and natural habitats makes it one of the nation's most unique and valuable
18	landscapes; and

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1	WHEREAS, Louisiana has invested over \$21.4 billion in coastal protection and
2	restoration projects since 2007, benefitting 55,807 acres of habitat (87.2 square miles), 369
3	miles of levee improvements, and 71.6 miles of barrier islands and headlands; and
4	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA),
5	along with other state and local government officials, economic development organizations,
6	energy companies, coastal scientists, engineering professionals, and environmental
7	non-profits around the state are working together to design, build, and operate large-scale
8	restoration and risk reduction solutions aimed at preserving the state's history, culture,
9	ecosystems, and natural resources that are threatened by ongoing land loss and flood risk;
10	and
11	WHEREAS, Louisiana's coastal industry, driven by CPRA's Coastal Master and
12	Annual Plans, will support over 10,000 jobs statewide and \$641 million in labor income in
13	Fiscal Year 2024; and
14	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature wishes to recognize and commend all those
15	who are working proactively toward a more sustainable and resilient coast.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17	does hereby designate Monday, April 24, 2023, as Coastal Day at the Louisiana State Capitol
18	and further recognizes the importance of coastal restoration and protection in Louisiana and
19	all those who contribute to this work.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21	chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board and executive director
22	of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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