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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 162

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SEAFOOD: Memorializes Congress to impose a quota or tariff on imported shrimp and enact a buy plan for domestic shrimp

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to impose
3 a quota or tariff on imported shrimp and enact a buy plan for domestic shrimp
4 directly from domestic commercial fishermen.

5 WHEREAS, the domestic shrimp industry has faced severe hardships such as
6 Hurricane Ida and other natural disasters, repeated opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway,
7 unfair trade practices, illegal chemicals, rising inflation, gas prices, and supply chain issues;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, in October of 2022, United States Congressman Garret Graves
10 announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) purchased up to twenty
11 five million dollars of Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic wild caught shrimp; and

12 WHEREAS, Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act authorizes USDA to
13 purchase domestic shrimp; and

14 WHEREAS, purchases such as this will help provide relief to Louisiana's shrimp
15 industry; and

16 WHEREAS, Louisiana's seafood industry is the largest supplier in the country and
17 the main economic driver in coastal areas; and

18 WHEREAS, more relief is necessary for the Louisiana seafood industry to compete
19 with foreign importers; and

1 WHEREAS, strategies to ensure that domestic commercial shrimp fishermen are able
2 to sell their shrimp are necessary for the continued success of the Louisiana shrimp industry;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, plans to buy shrimp directly from domestic commercial shrimp
5 fishermen are of vital importance to ensure the success of coastal communities that rely
6 heavily on this industry.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such
9 actions as are necessary to impose a quota or tariff on imported shrimp and enact a buy plan
10 for domestic shrimp directly from domestic commercial fishermen.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
13 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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