

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates March 19, 2024, as Louisiana Chemical Industry Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as "Louisiana Chemical Industry Day".

3 WHEREAS, nature endowed Louisiana with gifts that provide the springboard for  
4 major industry that has brought great benefits to the people of the state; and

5 WHEREAS, these gifts include abundant oil and natural gas, salt dome caverns,  
6 sulfur deposits, fresh water, and access to the oceans of the world through the Calcasieu  
7 Basin and the Mississippi River; and

8 WHEREAS, the petrochemical industry that has grown around these natural  
9 amenities has become one of Louisiana's greatest assets; and

10 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry acknowledges that it depends on  
11 Louisiana and its residents for its resources, a well-trained workforce, and a strong business  
12 climate; and

13 WHEREAS, this industry provides the most direct jobs in Louisiana's manufacturing  
14 sector, employing nearly twenty-seven thousand citizens in fifty-three of the state's  
15 sixty-four parishes and tens of thousands more employees in hundreds of businesses that  
16 support the industry; and

17 WHEREAS, an additional fourteen thousand jobs are generated indirectly by  
18 chemical industry activity in the state; and

19 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry produces nearly \$58 billion dollars in  
20 products annually, the third highest total in the nation; and

1           WHEREAS, Louisiana exports \$8.3 billion in chemical products annually to other  
2 parts of the world; and

3           WHEREAS, chemical industry wages in Louisiana are forty-seven percent higher  
4 than the average manufacturing wages in the state; and

5           WHEREAS, the industry contributes more than \$1.6 billion annually to the state and  
6 local coffers through direct tax payments and through household earnings generated by the  
7 Louisiana chemical industry; and

8           WHEREAS, more than \$8.9 billion of total direct employee earnings is generated by  
9 local chemical companies; and

10          WHEREAS, Louisianians' lives are enhanced and improved every day by chemical  
11 products produced in Louisiana, ranging from fire resistant foam used in beds and chairs;  
12 nitrogen bags that give potato chips a longer shelf life; and golf clubs, hard hats, bullet proof  
13 vests, contact lenses, pacemakers, and thousands of other consumer products; and

14          WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry is more than just a group of companies  
15 and is comprised of a collection of people who want the same things their neighbors want,  
16 including safe and clean communities with vibrant neighborhoods, good schools, and a  
17 strong economy; and

18          WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry is essential to the state's economic  
19 growth and to its economic development; the Louisiana Chemical Association was founded  
20 in 1959 and is comprised of seventy companies operating in the state of Louisiana; and

21          WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chemical Association's mission is to promote a positive  
22 climate for the chemical manufacturing industry that ensures long term growth for the  
23 industry and the state; this year marks the 65th anniversary of the Louisiana Chemical  
24 Association.

25          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
26 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the essential role the chemical industry plays  
27 in Louisiana's economic development and the 65th anniversary of the Louisiana Chemical  
28 Association and does hereby designate Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as Louisiana Chemical  
29 Industry Day.

DIGEST

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