

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY SENATOR JOHNS

SENATE. Designates May 6, 2014, as "Louisiana Chemical Industry Day".

A RESOLUTION

To designate May 6, 2014, as "Louisiana Chemical Industry Day".

WHEREAS, nature endowed Louisiana with gifts that provided the spring board for major industry that has brought great benefits to the people of the state; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the chemical industry provides the most direct jobs in our state's manufacturing sector, employing nearly 27,000 Louisiana residents in fifty-three of our state's sixty-four parishes and tens of thousands more employees in hundreds of businesses that support the industry; and

WHEREAS, an additional 140,000 jobs are generated indirectly by chemical industry activities in Louisiana; and

1           WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry produces nearly \$58 billion in products  
2 annually, the third highest total in the nation, and provides annual exports of \$8.3 billion in  
3 chemical products worldwide; and

4           WHEREAS, chemical industry wages in Louisiana are 47% higher than the average  
5 manufacturing wages in the state; and

6           WHEREAS, the chemical industry contributes more than \$1 billion annually to state  
7 and local coffers through direct tax payments and through household earnings generated by  
8 the Louisiana chemical industry; and

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

11           WHEREAS, our citizen's lives are enhanced and improved every day by chemical  
12 products produced in our state, ranging from fire resistant foam used in our beds and the  
13 chairs in which we sit; to the nitrogen in bags that give potato chips a longer shelf-life; to  
14 golf clubs, hard hats, bullet proof vests, contact lenses, pacemakers, and thousands of other  
15 consumer products enjoyed by our citizens; and

16           WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry is more than a group of companies and  
17 is comprised of a collection of people who wish the same things as their neighbors - safe and  
18 clean communities with vibrant neighborhoods, good schools, and a strong economy; and

19           WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry is essential to Louisiana's economic  
20 growth and economic development.

21           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
22 does hereby recognize the essential role the chemical industry plays in Louisiana's economic  
23 development and proclaims May 6, 2014, as "Louisiana Chemical Industry Day".

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
25 Louisiana Chemical Association.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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DIGEST

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