

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

COMMENDATIONS: Recognizes the common interests and experiences of The Netherlands and Louisiana and welcomes Jeanne Jenniskens Van Maarseveen and Nicole Jenniskens to the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize the common interests and experiences of The Netherlands and the state of
3 Louisiana and to welcome Jeanne Jenniskens Van Maarseveen and Nicole
4 Jenniskens to the state capitol.

5 WHEREAS, The Netherlands and Louisiana have both been influenced throughout
6 history by the reality of their extensive coastlines; both experience the bounty and the peril
7 of the sea; the economies of both are heavily influenced by fishing, international shipping,
8 and all manner of seafaring enterprise; and

9 WHEREAS, The Netherlands and Louisiana have both faced losses to the forces of
10 nature; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1953, a storm surge flooded a large portion of the southwestern
12 Netherlands, which triggered a vigorous government response; The Netherlands responded
13 to the tragedy with a highly sophisticated system of dykes and flood gates to protect
14 residents of the country from the raging sea; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2005, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita took a toll on the state of
16 Louisiana and caused significant storm surge and losses to coastal marshes; in January of
17 2006, a group of Louisiana officials visited The Netherlands to observe firsthand what that
18 nation has done to protect its people; and

19 WHEREAS, Louisiana officials saw an extremely sophisticated system of water
20 management and flood protection that incorporates capital projects, technology, and a

1 complex policy apparatus aimed at protecting human life; Louisiana has made strides to
2 support coastal protection and fight erosion since its visit to The Netherlands; and

3 WHEREAS, on January 24, 1957, the Holland Club of New Orleans was founded
4 to bring together citizens and friends of The Netherlands, as well as friends and natives of
5 Dutch descent who have an active interest in The Netherlands; and

6 WHEREAS, in July of 1986, several athletes from Louisiana participated in the
7 International Sports Exchange in Sittard, The Netherlands; and

8 WHEREAS, April 19, 2016, was recognized as Dutch-American Friendship Day in
9 the United States to commemorate the anniversary of beginning diplomatic relations
10 between the United States and The Netherlands; and

11 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the common interests and experiences of
12 The Netherlands and the state of Louisiana, especially those that stem from living with the
13 benefits and dangers of the sea, and to welcome Jeanne Jenniskens Van Maarseveen and
14 Nicole Jenniskens to the state capitol.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the common interests and experiences of The
17 Netherlands and the state of Louisiana and does hereby welcome Jeanne Jenniskens Van
18 Maarseveen and Nicole Jenniskens to the state capitol.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
20 to Jeanne Jenniskens Van Maarseveen and Nicole Jenniskens.

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