

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Louisiana officials saw an extremely sophisticated system of water management and flood protection that incorporates capital projects, technology, and a complex policy apparatus aimed at protecting human life; Louisiana has made strides to support coastal protection and fight erosion since its visit to The Netherlands; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES