

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend ExxonMobil for one hundred ten years of partnership and progress with Louisiana and does hereby recognize Monday, April 15, 2019, as ExxonMobil Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's engineers, scientists, skilled workers, and support staff in Louisiana have played crucial roles in shaping the energy and petrochemical industry during the past century with revolutionary research innovations and technological breakthroughs, such as the world's first catalytic cracking technology and the development of alkylation processes for the production of high octane aviation fuel during World War II as well as the development of butyl rubber, which led to Baton Rouge's nickname as the "Cradle of Synthetic Rubber"; and

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's Louisiana operations pay over one hundred million dollars in state and local taxes each year including over thirty-three million dollars in property taxes in East Baton Rouge Parish alone, and has paid more than one billion dollars in state and local taxes over the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil and its thousands of employees and retirees take an active role in the betterment of the surrounding communities throughout the state of Louisiana by providing more than thirty thousand volunteer hours annually to numerous nonprofit organizations as well as providing financial assistance through charitable contributions and matching grants of over four million dollars each year to hundreds of civic, community, and educational organizations; and

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's recognition that the challenges of the twenty-first century for the energy industry and our country will rely on our children having a strong foundation of math and science education in our schools that is reflected in the commitment of a thirteen million dollar funding grant to the National Math & Science Initiative for Louisiana schools and its educational programs, such as the Advanced Placement Training as well as support of numerous other educational programs through the Foundation for EBR Parish Schools;

and

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's facilities in Louisiana are dedicated to operating in an environmentally responsible manner and have been recognized for their efforts as a recipient of numerous awards for their environmental leadership; and

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil is committed to continuous improvement in the safety of its employees, contractors, and the community; and its Louisiana facilities have been recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for their voluntary protection programs and safety performance; and

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil is committed to the workforce of the oil and gas industry with the start of the North Baton Rouge Industrial Training Initiative to help address the craft skills demands with a free training program on electrical, welding, pipefitting, and millwright in partnership with Baton Rouge Community College; and

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's facilities are expanding to construct a new polypropylene production unit in Baton Rouge that will expand production capacity by up to four hundred fifty thousand tons per year, create six hundred jobs during construction, and sixty-five permanent jobs once completed; and

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's facilities in Louisiana represent substantial long-term investments and their operations retain existing jobs and attract new jobs, provide tax revenue, spur economic growth, and help meet the world's growing energy needs; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon businesses like ExxonMobil, which is taking on the world's toughest energy challenges.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend ExxonMobil for one hundred ten years of partnership and progress with Louisiana and does hereby recognize Monday, April 15, 2019, as ExxonMobil Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the employees and retirees of ExxonMobil for their continuous pursuit of excellence in safety, corporate responsibility, environmental preservation, and contributions to local education and volunteer leadership.

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**ENROLLED**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
Jeff Copeskey, Southern Region of ExxonMobil Corporation, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE