

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVES JORDAN AND SMITH

COMMENDATIONS: Designates Monday, April 15, 2019 as ExxonMobil Day at the capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, April 15, 2019, as ExxonMobil Day at the legislature, to commend  
3 ExxonMobil for their long-term contributions to the economy of the state of  
4 Louisiana and to the prosperity of her citizens, and to commend and congratulate the  
5 employees and retirees of ExxonMobil for their continuous pursuit of excellence.

6 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and gratitude that the Louisiana House of  
7 Representatives commends ExxonMobil for the contributions its operations have made for  
8 the past one hundred ten years to the economy of the state of Louisiana and to the prosperity  
9 of its citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana, which began in April 1909 on  
11 two hundred twenty-five acres of Baton Rouge farmland with some seven hundred workers,  
12 has grown into an ExxonMobil family of companies in Louisiana that, besides the Baton  
13 Rouge Refinery, now also includes world-class facilities such as: the Baton Rouge Chemical  
14 Plant, the Baton Rouge Polyolefins Plant, the Baton Rouge Plastics Plant, the Port Allen  
15 Lubricants Plant, the Port Allen Aviation Plant, the ExxonMobil Production Company, the  
16 ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, and XTO Energy; and

17 WHEREAS, as one of the top employers in the state of Louisiana, employing more  
18 than six thousand employees and contractors in the Baton Rouge area, ExxonMobil has  
19 workers in nearly every corner of Louisiana, from the Haynesville Shale to the Baton Rouge  
20 chemical plants to the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico; and

1           WHEREAS, the ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Refinery is the largest manufacturing  
2 employer in Louisiana and the fourth largest refinery in the United States, and the Baton  
3 Rouge Chemical Plant is the second largest manufacturing employer in the state with  
4 ExxonMobil's Louisiana operations; and

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

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

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

22           WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's recognition that the challenges of the 21st century, for  
23 both the energy industry and our country, will rely on our children having a strong  
24 foundation of math and science education in our schools that is reflected in the commitment  
25 of a thirteen million dollar funding grant to the National Math and Science Initiative for  
26 Louisiana schools and its educational programs such as the Advanced Placement Training  
27 as well as support of numerous other educational programs through the Foundation for East  
28 Baton Rouge School System; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

22           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend ExxonMobil on more than a century of  
24 partnership and progress with Louisiana and does hereby recognize Monday, April 15, 2019,  
25 as ExxonMobil Day at the legislature.

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

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
2 to ExxonMobil's Louisiana Operations.

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