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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates March 14, 2024, as Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Day at the state capitol

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

at the state capitol.
WHEREAS, the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) was founded in 1983 in
Louisiana by a small group of concerned coastal anglers to preserve and protect Louisiana's
coastal resources; and
WHEREAS, CCA is a nonprofit organization comprised of roughly 25,000 members
and volunteers from all sixty-four Louisiana parishes in its thirty local chapters; and
WHEREAS, coastal angling is enjoyed by hundreds of thousands people each year
and generates billions of dollars in economic impact and tens of thousands of jobs; and
WHEREAS, CCA has been instrumental in every significant coastal fisheries
management issue in Louisiana since 1983; the organization has advocated for
improvements to management of redfish, speckled trout, drum, flounder, tarpon, red snapper,
tuna, cobia, shrimp, oysters, crabs, menhaden, and many more; and
WHEREAS, CCA, along with other conservation partners, has built forty-nine
artificial reefs across Louisiana which provide habitats for a large variety of coastal wildlife
species; and
WHEREAS, CCA hosts the annual STAR tournament, the largest saltwater fishing
tournament in Louisiana, which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day and welcomes more
than 10,000 participants annually; and

1 WHEREAS, CCA provides education and outreach to tens of thousands of 2 Louisianans each year, including thousands of children through school and youth group 3 presentations, to whom its message of coastal stewardship and conservation is delivered; and 4 WHEREAS, CCA hosts TAG Louisiana, one of the nation's most prolific and 5 longest-running scientific fish tagging programs; over more than three decades, volunteer 6 "citizen scientists" have tagged and released more than 500,000 saltwater fish, providing 7 biological data to fisheries managers in Louisiana and across the Gulf; and 8 WHEREAS, CCA Louisiana hosts the annual Legislators' Fishing Rodeo in Grand 9 Isle, aimed at informing Louisiana leaders about the issues that impact our coastal resources 10 and the recreational fishing industry. 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 12 designate Thursday, March 14, 2024, as CCA Day at the state capitol and does hereby 13 express its appreciation to all of CCA's chapters and members who volunteer their time and 14 talents to ensure the well-being of Louisiana's marine resources.

## **DIGEST**

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