

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 30, 2025, as Louisiana Chemical Industry Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as Louisiana Chemical Industry Day at the state
3 capitol and to recognize the vital role the chemical manufacturing sector plays in the
4 state's economy, innovation, and community development.

5 WHEREAS, nature has endowed Louisiana with strategic natural resources,
6 including abundant oil and natural gas, salt dome caverns, sulfur deposits, fresh water, and
7 critical access to global trade routes via the Calcasieu Basin and Mississippi River, forming
8 a strong foundation for industrial growth; and

9 WHEREAS, the petrochemical and chemical manufacturing industry that has
10 developed around these resources has become one of Louisiana's most vital and enduring
11 economic assets; and

12 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry directly employs more than 34,300
13 workers and supports an additional 79,000 jobs through supplier networks, logistics, and
14 other related sectors, making it one of the largest drivers of employment in the state's
15 manufacturing economy; and

16 WHEREAS, the industry provides approximately \$3.7 billion in annual wages, with
17 compensation levels that are on average 50% higher than typical manufacturing wages in the
18 state, reflecting the industry's need for skilled and highly trained workers; and

19 WHEREAS, Louisiana's chemical manufacturers produce more than \$65 billion in
20 products annually, making the state the second-largest producer of chemical products in the

1 United States; Louisiana exports more than \$13.2 billion in chemical products to global
2 markets each year; and

3 WHEREAS, the chemical industry contributes more than \$2 billion in annual tax
4 payments to state and local governments, and these payments support essential public
5 services and infrastructure and create even greater economic impact through indirect activity
6 and consumer spending; and

7 WHEREAS, major capital investments continue to expand Louisiana's chemical
8 production capabilities, creating new permanent jobs and generating thousands of additional
9 construction and support roles during development; and

10 WHEREAS, Louisiana's chemical industry is investing in next-generation
11 technologies such as carbon capture and sequestration, strengthening the state's position as
12 a global leader in advanced manufacturing and ensuring the industry remains competitive
13 for decades to come; and

14 WHEREAS, these innovations support long-term capital investment, create
15 high-wage jobs, and help attract continued domestic and international investment in
16 Louisiana's industrial corridors, enhancing the state's reputation as a forward-looking hub
17 for chemical production; and

18 WHEREAS, the industry participates in safety and environmental excellence
19 programs, demonstrating its commitment to responsible operations and continuous
20 improvement in health, safety, and environmental outcomes; and

21 WHEREAS, chemical manufacturers in Louisiana collaborate with community
22 colleges, technical programs, and universities to strengthen STEM education and skilled
23 trades training, and the state's industries sponsor youth development programs and create
24 clear pathways to long-term careers for Louisiana residents; and

25 WHEREAS, the industry is actively engaged in community safety and partners with
26 local officials and emergency responders to develop preparedness protocols, conduct drills,
27 and implement early warning systems to ensure public well-being; and

28 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chemical Association, founded in 1959, represents
29 seventy companies operating across the state and continues to promote a strong, competitive,
30 and investment-friendly environment for chemical manufacturing in Louisiana.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the essential role the chemical industry plays
3 in Louisiana's economy, workforce development, innovation, and public safety, and does
4 hereby designate Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as Louisiana Chemical Industry Day at the
5 state capitol.

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