

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 368

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To commend President Donald Trump for his actions to benefit Louisiana's commercial seafood industry through tariffs and policy changes.

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order (EO) 14276, entitled "Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness"; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 EO builds upon the success of his American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth EO from 2020; and

WHEREAS, these two EOs commit to reforming regulations on commercial fishing in the United States to improve conditions for commercial fisherman; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has implemented tariffs on imported seafood from other countries into the United States ranging from ten percent to around forty percent; and

WHEREAS, these tariffs are expected to help domestic seafood to be more competitive within the United States and particularly in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the shrimp fishermen in Louisiana are optimistic the tariffs will lead to a boost in their sales; and

WHEREAS, the seafood deficit surpassed twenty billion dollars in 2024, and it has been rising steadily since 2000, when the seafood deficit was around seven billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, fishing supports over two million jobs in the United States with over twenty thousand of them in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, United States commercial and recreational fishing combined to generate three hundred twenty billion dollars in sales with an additional one hundred fifty billion dollars in added value impacts; and

WHEREAS, President Trump is working hard to improve commercial fishing regulations and sales within the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend President Donald Trump for his excellent work on placing tariffs on seafood imported into the United States and for his improvements in regulations for the commercial seafood industry and all of the benefits these efforts bring to Louisiana and its commercial seafood industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to President Donald Trump and to the Congressional delegates from Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES