

1 WHEREAS, purchasing Louisiana shrimp under Section 32 authority would provide
2 immediate economic relief to domestic shrimpers while ensuring that high-quality,
3 American-produced seafood reaches families in need; and

4 WHEREAS, shrimp is a nutritious, high-protein food that can be effectively
5 incorporated into federal nutrition programs, including school meals, food banks, and
6 emergency feeding initiatives; and

7 WHEREAS, such action would strengthen domestic food security, support
8 sustainable fishing practices, and preserve an industry that is essential to Louisiana's coastal
9 economy; and

10 WHEREAS, Congressman Clay Higgins, in a letter to USDA secretary Brooke
11 Rollins in January, noted challenges domestic fishermen are facing due to imported seafood
12 dumping and unfair trade practices; and

13 WHEREAS, the impact on Louisiana shrimpers, should the USDA fail to purchase
14 shrimp for 2026, will be dire as the USDA purchase provides crucial stability for domestic
15 shrimp prices for the entire 2026 season; and

16 WHEREAS, exceptionally high fuel costs combined with the influx of imported
17 seafood from foreign countries have led to challenging times for hardworking Americans,
18 and the USDA Commodity Procurement program will provide a much needed lifeline to
19 sustain the shrimp industry for the 2026 season.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the USDA to utilize its Section 32
22 authority to purchase Louisiana shrimp and prioritize domestic seafood in its procurement
23 programs.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the USDA is encouraged to work with
25 Louisiana's shrimp industry stakeholders to ensure efficient procurement, processing, and
26 distribution of domestically harvested shrimp.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Louisiana congressional
29 delegation.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to utilize the Commodity Procurement program under Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act to purchase domestic shrimp from La. shrimpers.