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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

MILITARY AFFAIRS. Requests the United States Navy to expeditiously execute a transparent and competitive Medium Unmanned Surface Vessel (MUSV) acquisition strategy to protect the maritime workforce at Conrad Shipyard in Morgan City, Louisiana.

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Navy to expeditiously execute a transparent and competitive Medium Unmanned Surface Vessel (MUSV) acquisition strategy to protect the maritime workforce at Conrad Shipyard in Morgan City, Louisiana, to safeguard vital private industrial investments, and to ensure the continued growth of a high-tech autonomous manufacturing ecosystem within the state.

WHEREAS, Louisiana has become a critical hub for the development of the U.S. Navy's Modular Attack Surface Craft (MASC) and the subsequent MUSV program; and

WHEREAS, private capital has already deployed more than \$30 million to date, with an additional \$80 million on track for investment in 2026 to fund production of these advanced vessels in Morgan City; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy's program reset from MASC to MUSV has introduced significant delays, shifting projected contract awards from the original December 2025 schedule to summer 2026, creating severe market uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the Navy has requested significant mid-construction requirement changes which necessitates costly engineering rework and threatens to halt active production; and

WHEREAS, despite a \$2.1 billion appropriation specifically for medium unmanned

1 surface vessels in July 2025, the lack of a clear demand signal and delayed spending puts
2 Louisiana's shipbuilding industrial base at a disadvantage; and

3 WHEREAS, the workforce at Conrad Shipyard is currently building these vessels "at
4 risk" to maintain the delivery schedule, supporting an estimated one hundred eight direct
5 jobs and nearly four hundred total jobs across the Louisiana supply chain this year; and

6 WHEREAS, currently four hundred direct and indirect jobs are at work, with a full
7 production rate of twenty vessels per year, the program is projected to sustain approximately
8 one thousand direct jobs and four thousand indirect jobs, contributing up to \$700 million in
9 direct annual shipbuilding work to the Louisiana economy; and

10 WHEREAS, these high-tech jobs bring essential expertise in robotics, software
11 development, and advanced engineering to the region, creating a human capital ecosystem
12 that will complement and benefit Louisiana's maritime industry for decades.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby urge and request the United States Navy expeditiously execute a transparent and
15 competitive MUSV acquisition strategy to provide a stable production forecast to prevent
16 the loss of high-tech talent and industrial capacity.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Navy is requested to minimize
18 further delays and requirement shifts that leave the Louisiana shipbuilding workforce and
19 private research and development investments at unnecessary risk.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 United States Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the members of the
22 Louisiana congressional delegation.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Requests the U.S. Navy to expedite the award of the Medium Unmanned Surface Vessel (MUSV) program contracts to protect the maritime workforce at Conrad Shipyard in Morgan City, La.