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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY SENATORS PERRY, ALARIO AND HEITMEIER

COMMENDATIONS. Affirms the support and appreciation of the Senate for the Gulf menhaden fishery and all of the economic and social contributions that industry has made to the state through many years of operation in the Gulf of Mexico and onshore in the coastal areas of the state.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express and affirm the support and appreciation of the Senate of the Legislature of  
3 Louisiana for the Gulf menhaden fishery and all of the economic and social  
4 contributions that industry has made to the state through many years of operation in  
5 the Gulf of Mexico and onshore in the coastal areas of the state commend.

6 WHEREAS, the Gulf menhaden fishery industry generates an annual economic  
7 impact of nearly eight hundred twenty-five million dollars to the economy of the state of  
8 Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, the Gulf menhaden fishery industry expends in excess of eighty million  
10 dollars annually in purchases for materials and supplies from industry support vendors with  
11 nearly sixty-five percent of those purchases made from other Louisiana businesses; and

12 WHEREAS, the Gulf menhaden fishery industry provides over seven hundred  
13 twenty-five jobs to citizens of Louisiana with the salaries paid to those people directly  
14 enhancing the economy of the state; and

15 WHEREAS, the Gulf menhaden fishery industry indirectly creates and supports  
16 many other good, high paying jobs throughout the state; and

17 WHEREAS, the Gulf menhaden fishery is the largest fishery by volume in both the  
18 state and the entire Gulf of Mexico; and

1           WHEREAS, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission declared in 2013 through  
2 its SouthEast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR 32A) report that "the Gulf Menhaden  
3 stock in the Gulf of Mexico is not undergoing overfishing and is not overfished"; and

4           WHEREAS, independent data has shown clear trends of increasing biomass and  
5 recruitment along with declining mortality in the Gulf menhaden stock over the last twenty  
6 years; and

7           WHEREAS, the recent stock assessment of Gulf menhaden found in the Gulf of  
8 Mexico demonstrates that the fishery is being harvested and managed at a sustainable level  
9 and will continue to employ Louisianians and contribute to the economy and well-being of  
10 the state for many years to come.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana,  
12 that based on the fishery science established by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries  
13 Commission, as a result of the responsible harvesting conducted by the fishing community,  
14 the Gulf menhaden industry is and will continue to be of great value to our state, occupy a  
15 key role in job creation, and provide substantial positive economic effect on our region.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate does hereby express and affirm the  
17 support and appreciation for the Gulf menhaden fishery and all of the economic and social  
18 contributions that industry has made to the state through many years of operation in the Gulf  
19 of Mexico and onshore in the coastal areas of the state.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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