

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY REPRESENTATIVES JORDAN, CARPENTER, AND REYNOLDS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates March 19, 2018, as ExxonMobil Day at the legislature and commends ExxonMobil on their long-term contributions to the state of Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, March 19, 2018, as ExxonMobil Day at the legislature and to
3 commend ExxonMobil for their long-term contributions to the economy of the state
4 of Louisiana and to the prosperity of her citizens.

5 WHEREAS, for the past century ExxonMobil's Louisiana operations have greatly
6 contributed to the economy of the state of Louisiana and to the prosperity of its citizens all
7 over the state; and

8 WHEREAS, the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana, which began on two hundred
9 twenty-five acres of Baton Rouge farmland with some seven hundred workers, has grown
10 into an ExxonMobil family of companies in Louisiana that, in addition to the Baton Rouge
11 Refinery, now also includes world-class facilities such as the Baton Rouge Chemical Plant,
12 the Baton Rouge Polyolefins Plant, the Baton Rouge Plastics Plant, the Port Allen Lubricants
13 Plant, the ExxonMobil Production Company, XTO Energy Company, and the ExxonMobil
14 Pipeline Company; and

15 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and gratitude that the Louisiana House of
16 Representatives commends ExxonMobil for the contributions its operations have made to
17 the economy of the state of Louisiana and to the prosperity of its citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, as one of the top employers in the state of Louisiana, employing more
19 than six thousand employees and contractors in the Baton Rouge area, ExxonMobil has

1 workers in nearly every corner of Louisiana, from the Haynesville Shale to the Baton Rouge
2 chemical plants to the deep water of the Gulf of Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, the ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Refinery is the largest manufacturing
4 employer in Louisiana and the fourth largest refinery in the United States, and the Baton
5 Rouge Chemical Plant is the second largest manufacturing employer in the state with
6 ExxonMobil's Louisiana operations; and

7 WHEREAS, the ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Plastics Plant which began operations on
8 July 31, 1968, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in Baton Rouge and has grown from an
9 initial processing capacity of one-hundred-eighty million pounds to now more than one
10 billion pounds of low density polyethylene and two hundred million pounds of ethylene
11 elastomer products annually; and

12 WHEREAS, the ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Plastics Plant has been recognized
13 numerous times for its commitment to safe, reliable operations and was named "Best in
14 Louisiana" for its 2017 safety performance by the Louisiana Chemical Association while
15 making end products ranging from food-safe plastic wraps to adhesives and automotive
16 components; and

17 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil subsidiary XTO Energy's Cotton Valley Gas Plant, is
18 celebrating its 75th Anniversary as an integral part of the business community in the parishes
19 of Webster and Claiborne and the greater northwest Louisiana regional economy where this
20 facility has grown into a gas processing complex, with cumulative production of more than
21 three trillion cubic feet of natural gas and more than forty million barrels of condensate and
22 light oil; and

23 WHEREAS, the Cotton Valley operations are an integral part of Northwest
24 Louisiana's vibrant economy with operations delivering direct and indirect benefits that have
25 had a lasting impact that allow XTO to be an active community partner with the Cotton
26 Valley community through contributions to organizations such as the fire departments in
27 both Claiborne Parish and Webster Parish, the Cotton Valley police department, and the
28 Claiborne Parish 4-H Club; and

29 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's engineers, scientists, skilled workers, and support staff
30 in Louisiana have played crucial roles in shaping the energy and petrochemical industry

1 during the past century with revolutionary research innovations and technological
2 breakthroughs, such as the world's first catalytic cracking technology and the development
3 of alkylation processes for the production of high octane aviation fuel during World War II
4 as well as the development of butyl rubber, which led to Baton Rouge's nickname as the
5 "Cradle of Synthetic Rubber"; and

6 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's Louisiana operations pay over one hundred million
7 dollars in state and local taxes each year including over thirty-three million dollars in
8 property taxes in East Baton Rouge Parish alone, and has paid more than one billion dollars
9 in state and local taxes over the past ten years; and

10 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil and its thousands of employees and retirees take an active
11 role in the betterment of the surrounding communities throughout the state of Louisiana by
12 providing tens of thousands of volunteer hours annually to numerous nonprofit organizations
13 as well as providing financial assistance through charitable contributions and matching
14 grants of nearly four million dollars each year to hundreds of civic, community, and
15 educational organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's recognition that the challenges of the 21st century, for
17 the energy industry and our country, will rely on our children having a strong foundation of
18 math and science education in our schools that is reflected in the commitment of a thirteen
19 million dollar funding grant to the National Math & Science Initiative for Louisiana schools
20 and its educational programs such as the Advanced Placement Training as well as support
21 of numerous other educational programs such as the STEM Learning Network, Pathways
22 to STEM Education in EBR Parish Schools; and

23 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's facilities in Louisiana are dedicated to operating in an
24 environmentally responsible manner and have been recognized for their efforts as a recipient
25 of numerous awards for their environmental leadership; and

26 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil is committed to continuous improvement in the safety of
27 its employees, contractors, and the community and its Louisiana facilities have been
28 recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for their voluntary
29 protection programs and safety performance; and

1 WHEREAS, ExxonMobil's facilities in Louisiana represent substantial long-term
2 investments and their operations retain existing jobs and attract new jobs, provide tax
3 revenue, spur economic growth, and help meet the world's growing energy needs; and

4 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
5 and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon businesses like
6 ExxonMobil, whose employees are fueling America's manufacturing revival and providing
7 the energy to drive the national economy.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend ExxonMobil on more than a century of
10 partnership and progress with Louisiana and does hereby recognize Monday, March 19,
11 2018, as ExxonMobil Day at the legislature.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
13 of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the employees and retirees of
14 ExxonMobil for their continuous pursuit of excellence in safety, corporate responsibility,
15 environmental preservation, and contributions to local education and volunteer leadership.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
17 ExxonMobil's Louisiana Operations.

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