

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 6, 2022, as Coastal Conservation Association Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the Coastal Conservation Association, or CCA, was founded in 1983 by a small group of coastal anglers to preserve and protect Louisiana's coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, the CCA is a grassroots, nonprofit organization that is comprised of thirty chapters consisting of roughly 25,000 members and volunteers from every parish; and

WHEREAS, coastal angling is a way of life in Louisiana; it is enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children each year and generates billions of dollars of economic impact and tens of thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, the CCA has been instrumental in every significant coastal fisheries management issue in Louisiana since 1983, and the association has advocated for improvements to management of redfish, speckled trout, drum, flounder, tarpon, red snapper, tuna, cobia, shrimp, oysters, crabs, menhaden, and many other types of marine life; and

WHEREAS, the CCA, along with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and other conservation partners, has built thirty-five artificial reefs across Louisiana which provide habitats for a large variety of iconic coastal species; and

WHEREAS, the CCA hosts the annual Statewide Tournament and Anglers Rodeo, the largest saltwater fishing tournament in Louisiana; it runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day, welcoming more than 10,000 participants annually; and

WHEREAS, the CCA provides education and outreach to tens of thousands of Louisianians each year, including thousands of children via school and youth group presentations, through which its message of coastal stewardship and conservation is delivered; and

WHEREAS, the CCA hosts TAG Louisiana, which is one of the nation's most prolific and longest-running scientific fish tagging programs; for more than three decades, TAG Louisiana has facilitated the tagging and release of more than 500,000 saltwater fish by volunteer "citizen scientists" and provided biological data to fisheries managers in the state and across the Gulf; and

WHEREAS, the CCA hosts the annual Louisiana Legislative Rodeo to help inform Louisiana leaders about issues that impact coastal resources and the recreational fishing industry; it will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Grand Isle.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 6, 2022, as Coastal Conservation Association Day at the state capitol and does hereby express appreciation to all of the CCA chapters and members who volunteer their time and talents to ensure the well-being of Louisiana's marine resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Coastal Conservation Association of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES