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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

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SEAFOOD: Memorializes Congress to impose a quota or tariff on imported shrimp and enact a buy plan for domestic shrimp

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to impose
3	a quota or tariff on imported shrimp and enact a buy plan for domestic shrimp
4	directly from domestic commercial fishermen.
5	WHEREAS, the domestic shrimp industry has faced severe hardships such as
6	Hurricane Ida and other natural disasters, repeated openings of the Bonnet Carre Spillway,
7	unfair trade practices, illegal chemicals, rising inflation, gas prices, and supply chain issues;
8	and
9	WHEREAS, in October of 2022, United States Congressman Garret Graves
10	announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) purchased up to twenty
11	five million dollars of Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic wild caught shrimp; and
12	WHEREAS, Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act authorizes USDA to
13	purchase domestic shrimp; and
14	WHEREAS, purchases such as this will help provide relief to Louisiana's shrimp
15	industry; and
16	WHEREAS, Louisiana's seafood industry is the largest supplier in the country and
17	the main economic driver in coastal areas; and
18	WHEREAS, more relief is necessary for the Louisiana seafood industry to compete
19	with foreign importers; and

1 WHEREAS, strategies to ensure that domestic commercial shrimp fishermen are able 2 to sell their shrimp are necessary for the continued success of the Louisiana shrimp industry; 3 and 4 WHEREAS, plans to buy shrimp directly from domestic commercial shrimp 5 fishermen are of vital importance to ensure the success of coastal communities that rely 6 heavily on this industry. 7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 8 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to impose a 9 quota or tariff on imported shrimp and enact a buy plan for domestic shrimp directly from 10 domestic commercial fishermen. 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 12 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the

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United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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