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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

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

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

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

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Add crab meat and crawfish to the provisions of the bill pertaining to the imposition of a quota or tariff if imported and the enactment of a buy plan if acquired domestically.