

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as Louisiana Chemical Industry Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as Louisiana Chemical Industry Day at the  
3 Louisiana State Capitol.

4 WHEREAS, nature endowed Louisiana with gifts that provide the springboard for  
5 major industry, which has brought great benefits to the people of the state; and

6 WHEREAS, these gifts include abundant oil and natural gas, salt dome caverns,  
7 sulfur deposits, fresh water, and access to the oceans of the world through the Calcasieu  
8 Basin and the Mississippi River; and

9 WHEREAS, the petrochemical industry that has grown around these natural  
10 amenities has become one of Louisiana's greatest assets; and

11 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry acknowledges that it depends on  
12 Louisiana and its residents for its resources, a well-trained workforce, and a strong business  
13 climate; and

14 WHEREAS, this industry provides the most direct jobs in Louisiana's manufacturing  
15 sector, employing over twenty-nine thousand citizens in fifty-three of the state's sixty-four  
16 parishes and tens of thousands more employees in hundreds of businesses that support the  
17 industry; and

18 WHEREAS, an additional two hundred fifty-seven thousand jobs are generated

1 indirectly by chemical industry activity in Louisiana; and

2 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry produces nearly \$58 billion in products  
3 annually, the third highest total in the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana exports \$9.7 billion in chemical products annually to other  
5 parts of the world; and

6 WHEREAS, chemical industry wages in Louisiana are fifty-two percent higher than  
7 the average manufacturing wages in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, the industry contributes more than \$1 billion annually to state and local  
9 coffers through direct tax payments and through household earnings generated by the  
10 Louisiana chemical industry; and

11 WHEREAS, more than \$2.9 billion of total direct employee earnings are generated  
12 by local chemical companies; and

13 WHEREAS, Louisianians' lives are enhanced and improved every day by chemical  
14 products produced in Louisiana, ranging from fire resistant foam used in our beds and chairs,  
15 to the nitrogen bags that give potato chips a longer shelf life, and to golf clubs, hard hats,  
16 bulletproof vests, contact lenses, pacemakers, and thousands of other consumer products;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry is more than just a group of companies  
19 and is comprised of a collection of people who want the same things their neighbors want,  
20 safe and clean communities with vibrant neighborhoods, good schools, and a strong  
21 economy; and

22 WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry is essential to the state's economic  
23 growth and development; and

24 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chemical Association was founded in 1959 and is  
25 comprised of seventy companies operating in the state of Louisiana; and

26 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chemical Association's mission is to promote a positive  
27 climate for the chemical manufacturing industry that ensures long-term growth for the  
28 industry and the state; and

29 WHEREAS, this year marks the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Louisiana Chemical  
30 Association.

