

1 WHEREAS, in 2024 alone, eighty-one shipments of foreign shrimp were refused by
2 the FDA over the presence of banned narcotics; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States, and Louisiana particularly, has robust fishing and
4 shrimping operations that catch and distribute clean, safe domestic seafood that is not just
5 safer for American consumers, but also provides jobs for hard-working Americans and
6 boosts the economies of the country and of the state; and

7 WHEREAS, United States Senator John N. Kennedy and Lieutenant Governor Billy
8 Nungesser have both urged the federal government to implement additional measures to
9 deter the use of imported shrimp and to better ensure the safety of the seafood imports we
10 do allow to be distributed to consumers in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump signed an executive order in 2025 entitled
12 "Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness" and the first step to restoring the
13 competitiveness of domestic seafood is to stop importing unsafe and potentially tainted
14 seafood from overseas.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Department of
17 Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to take such actions
18 as are necessary to properly inspect and ensure the safety of imported seafood.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, to the undersecretary of Commerce
21 for Oceans and Atmosphere, and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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