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INTRODUCED BY: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, DIVISION B
RESOLUTION NO. 6375

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Delegation of the United States House of Representatives and the Senate introduce and support legislation to impose a ten (10) cent per pound fee on all seafood imported into the United States with the funds collected to be utilized to improve imported seafood safety.

WHEREAS, a 2017 study conducted by the U.S. Governmental Accountability Office found that only a limited number of inspections are performed on foreign seafood processors and farmers; and,

WHEREAS, foreign seafood, especially those grown in aquaculture facilities, are often treated with large doses of antibiotics and other chemicals to treat diseases and enhance their growth; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of inspections and testing can lead to unhealthy levels of chemicals and antibiotics in the seafood being consumed by Americans; and,

WHEREAS, these practices place American Commercial Seafood Producers at a competitive disadvantage with foreign producers who are not held to the same standards; and,

WHEREAS, the fees collected on imported seafood can be used to fund the hiring of additional inspectors to insure the safety of imported seafood consumed by Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby request the Louisiana Delegation of the United States House of Representatives and the Senate introduce and support legislation to impose a ten (10) cent per pound fee on all seafood imported into the United States with the funds collected to be utilized to improve imported seafood safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Donald J. Trump, U. S. Senator William "Bill" Cassidy, U. S. Senator John Kennedy, U. S. Representative Cedric Richmond, and U.S. Representative Garret Graves for consideration.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BENEDETTO, HOGAN, WILSON, CLULEE, GIBBS, WOODRUFF,
BELLOCK, FLETCHER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FISHER-PERRIER

And the resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of October, 2018, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

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CHAIRMAN: 

SECRETARY: 

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: 

APPROVED:  DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: 

RETD/SECRETARY: 

AT: 11:50 am RECD BY: 