

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 6-12, 2018, as National Travel and Tourism Week

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize May 6-12, 2018, as National Travel and Tourism Week at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, travel has a positive effect on Louisiana's and the nation's economic
4 prosperity and on business productivity and each individual travelers' well-being; and

5 WHEREAS, travel to and within the United States generated more than \$2.3 trillion
6 in economic output in 2016, with nearly \$1 trillion spent directly by travelers; and

7 WHEREAS, travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United
8 States, and supported 15.3 million jobs in 2016, including 8.6 million directly in the travel
9 industry and 6.7 million in other industries; and

10 WHEREAS, travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$158 billion for
11 federal, state, and local governments; such revenues are used to support essential services
12 and programs; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2016, visitors to Louisiana spent \$16.8 billion, with visitor
14 expenditures resulting in \$1.04 billion in state tax revenue and supporting 231, 567 jobs in
15 the state; and

16 WHEREAS, international travel to the United States is the nation's number one
17 services export; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2016, travel generated \$245 billion in exports and created a \$84
19 billion trade surplus for the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, meetings, events, and incentive travel are core business functions that
2 help companies strengthen business performance, educate employees and customers, and
3 reward business accomplishments, which in turn boosts the U.S. economy; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2016, domestic and international business travelers spent \$307.2
5 billion; and

6 WHEREAS, leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips
7 in the United States, spurs countless benefits to travelers' health and wellness, creativity,
8 cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships; and

9 WHEREAS, travel is a pillar of economic growth and creates jobs at a faster rate
10 than other sectors.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 6-12, 2018, as National Travel and
13 Tourism Week at the state capitol, and hereby encourages the citizens of Louisiana to
14 celebrate this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations.

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