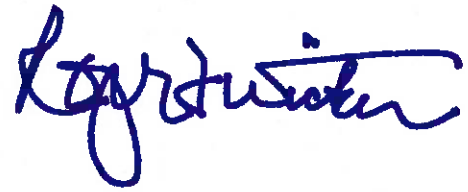


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Designating August 2023 as "National Catfish Month".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

RESOLUTION

Designating August 2023 as "National Catfish Month".

Whereas the Catfish Institute recognizes August to be National Catfish Month;

Whereas the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas recognize August to be National Catfish Month;

Whereas the States of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Tennessee embody the Channel Catfish as their State Fish;

Whereas the farm-raised catfish industry in the United States employs over 9,000 people and contributes almost \$2,000,000,000 to the economy of the United States;

Whereas the United States has 55,855 surface water acres used for catfish production in 2023, and catfish growers in the United States had \$447,039,000 in sales during 2022;

Whereas the average catfish farmer produces 6,800 pounds of catfish per acre;

Whereas 99 percent of all United States farm-raised catfish are grown in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Texas;

Whereas catfish is the largest farm-raised seafood product, by weight, in the United States, representing more than 50 percent of the food fish produced by the United States aquaculture industry;

Whereas United States farm-raised catfish are consistently high quality and, unlike ocean-caught fish, are available all year long;

Whereas United States farm-raised catfish are a sustainable and environmentally friendly seafood product;

Whereas catfish is a lean fish and an excellent source of protein; and

Whereas catfish is a versatile fish in cuisine of the United States, with a myriad of regional and national recipes to be enjoyed by all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates August 2023 as “National Cat-

3 fish Month”;

1 (2) recognizes the contributions of all workers,
2 past and present, that produce, process, and provide
3 catfish for the people of the United States; and

4 (3) recognizes that purchasing United States
5 farm-raised catfish supports farmers, jobs, and the
6 economy of the United States.