

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Moran, Wiggins,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE JONES ACT AND
2 CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ITS PASSAGE WHICH HAS
3 FOSTERED A STRONG DOMESTIC MARITIME INDUSTRY THAT IS CRITICAL TO
4 MISSISSIPPI'S AND THE NATION'S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND NATIONAL
5 SECURITY.

6 WHEREAS, Mississippi's access to over 1,000 miles of the
7 Mississippi River, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and the
8 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway makes it a critical hub in the
9 nation's transportation system; and

10 WHEREAS, the current global pandemic has demonstrated the
11 critical importance of maintaining resilient domestic industries
12 and transportation services to the citizens and workforce of
13 Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, known as the Jones
15 Act and codified in Title 46 of the United States Code, requires
16 that vessels carrying cargo between locations in the United States
17 be owned by American companies, crewed by American mariners, and
18 built in American shipyards; and



19 WHEREAS, America's ability to project and deploy forces
20 globally, and supply and maintain military installations
21 domestically, depends on the civilian fleet of Jones Act vessels
22 and mariners; and

23 WHEREAS, mariners aboard Jones Act vessels strengthen
24 America's homeland security as added eyes and ears monitoring the
25 nation's 95,000 miles of shoreline and 25,000 miles of navigable
26 inland waterways; and

27 WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to 13,460 maritime jobs
28 supported by the Jones Act, the sixth-highest per capita among all
29 states, that generate \$728.8 million in labor income; and

30 WHEREAS, maritime industry jobs create ladders of opportunity
31 through high-paying, family-wage careers that offer significant
32 career advancement without generally necessitating advanced formal
33 education and extensive student loans; and

34 WHEREAS, the more than 40,000 vessel-strong Jones Act fleet
35 supports nearly 650,000 family-wage jobs and over \$154 billion in
36 economic output nationally and \$3.05 billion to the Mississippi
37 economy:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State
39 of Mississippi affirms its resolute support for the Jones Act and
40 celebrates the centennial anniversary of its passage which has
41 fostered a strong domestic maritime industry that is critical to
42 Mississippi's and the nation's economic prosperity and national
43 security; and



44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to each member of the Mississippi congressional
46 delegation.

