

RESOLUTION NO. 38 of 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT HOUSE BILL 335 REGARDING LABELING OF IMPORTED SEAFOOD AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, most seafood consumed in the United States is imported;

WHEREAS, the misuse of antibiotics, the presence of contaminants, and the overall wholesomeness of imported seafood, including but not limited to crawfish and shrimp, has been called into question;

WHEREAS, in recent data, 12% of the samples of imported shrimp and almost 10% of samples of all imported seafood showed unsafe drug residues;

WHEREAS, consumption of such seafood may pose a health risk;

WHEREAS, consumers should be informed of the source of the seafood being offered for consumption at restaurants and other food service establishments; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 335 proposes to require that food service establishments inform consumers of the country of origin of crawfish or shrimp offered for consumption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislature to adopt House Bill 335.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Northwest Louisiana legislative delegation to support House Bill 335.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to The Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, and to the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date