

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. RES.** _____Designating August 2021 as "National Catfish Month".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

_____**RESOLUTION**

Designating August 2021 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 nearly 10,000 people and contributes more than \$4,000,000,000 to the economy of the United States;

Whereas the United States has 89,400 surface water acres used for catfish production in 2021, and catfish growers in the United States had \$371,000,000 in sales during 2020;

Whereas the average catfish farmer produces 5,000 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 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 2021 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.