

117TH CONGRESS  
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Designating August 2022 as “National Catfish Month”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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# RESOLUTION

Designating August 2022 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 67,640 surface water acres used for catfish production in 2022, and catfish growers in the United States had \$421,161,000 in sales during 2021;

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 2022 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.