

118TH CONGRESS  
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Designating September 25, 2023, as “National Lobster Day”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Designating September 25, 2023, as “National Lobster Day”.

Whereas lobstering has served as an economic engine and family tradition in the United States for centuries;

Whereas thousands of families in the United States make their livelihoods from catching, processing, or serving lobsters;

Whereas the lobster industry employs people of all ages year-round, and many harvesters begin fishing as children and stay in the industry for their entire working lives;

Whereas the lobster industry has spearheaded sustainability measures for more than 150 years, ensuring the health of the lobster stock and the marine environment;

Whereas consumers are looking to add more sustainable seafood to their diets, and more people are enjoying lobster at home;

Whereas historical lore notes that lobster likely joined turkey on the table at the very first Thanksgiving feast in 1621, and lobster continues to be a mainstay during many other holiday traditions;

Whereas lobster harvesters are evolving and diversifying their businesses to help maintain the health of the ocean, including through kelp farming, which absorbs carbon dioxide from seawater;

Whereas throughout history, Presidents of the United States have served lobster at their inaugural celebrations and state dinners with international leaders;

Whereas lobster is a versatile source of lean protein that is low in saturated fat and high in vitamin B12;

Whereas lobster is continually incorporated into foods such as pho, gnocchi, doughnuts, cocktails, ice cream, and butter;

Whereas the peak of the lobstering season in the United States occurs in late summer;

Whereas the Unicode Consortium added a lobster to its emoji set in 2018 in recognition of the popularity of the lobster around the world;

Whereas lobsters have inspired artists in the United States and throughout the world for hundreds of years;

Whereas lobsters have been, and continue to be, used as mascots for sports teams;

Whereas lobsters inspire innovation of all kinds beyond the culinary realm, including skincare, fertilizer, robotics, and biodegradable golf balls;

Whereas countless people in the United States enjoy lobster rolls to celebrate summer, from beaches to backyards, and from fine-dining restaurants to lobster shacks; and

Whereas lobster is a staple on the menus of beloved restaurants across the United States, and in kitchens across the United States, bringing families and friends together:  
Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates September 25, 2023, as “Na-  
3       tional Lobster Day”; and

4               (2) encourages the people of the United States  
5       to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and  
6       activities.