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# Louisiana Capitol declares ExxonMobil Day

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ExxonMobil to celebrate 110 years of success, community service and civic pride in Baton Rouge, La.

For Baton Rouge, La., having ExxonMobil set up shop 110 years ago led to a boon that few could predict and has helped the city flourish in terms of job growth, financial security, infrastructure improvement and community outreach.

The Standard Oil Company of Louisiana was chartered on April 13, 1909. Today, ExxonMobil Baton Rouge includes five area facilities and “one out of 10 jobs can be attributed to ExxonMobil in Baton Rouge,” says Rory Denicola, communications coordinator for Downstream Public & Government Affairs. “We’re the largest taxpayer in the state.”

## **April 15 is ExxonMobil Day**

To celebrate the occasion, the state Legislature will convene at the Louisiana Capitol on April 15 and declare the day ExxonMobil Day.

The celebration will start at 10 a.m. in the Capitol’s rotunda, in tandem with the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association’s “Diversity in Energy” event. ExxonMobil and companies that include Shell and Chevron will have booths offering the

community information about their operations. Members representing each of ExxonMobil's affinity networks in Baton Rouge will also be on hand to answer questions.

That afternoon, several ExxonMobil leaders will join Polyolefins Plant Manager Stephen Hamilton, Congressman Garret Graves, Mayor Sharon Weston Broome and other city and state dignitaries at the Capitol Park Museum for a "Day at the Capitol" press event. Hamilton will use this opportunity to update the press on the company's **new polypropylene production unit** in Baton Rouge, which will expand capacity along the Gulf Coast by up to 450,000 tons per year. The project, which begins this year, will create up to 600 jobs during construction and 65 permanent jobs once completed in 2021.

A 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary and legislative reception will follow the press briefing, which will be highlighted by the music of the JGray Jazz Trio, a band led by John Gray, whose mother was an ExxonMobil employee. Guests will be treated to a tour throughout ExxonMobil's history in the area with displays highlighting each decade. They will also experience the thrill of NASCAR with the Mobil 1 car on display.

"ExxonMobil is embedded in this community," Denicola says. "I've been with ExxonMobil for 20 years. My dad retired from ExxonMobil, my godfather retired from ExxonMobil and I'd love it if my daughter became an engineer and retired from ExxonMobil. It's a family thing for me and for many in our community here. We're good for Baton Rouge. I'm excited to show off all we've accomplished together in our 110 years."

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