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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Charles W. Zahn Jr. is concluding his noteworthy
2 tenure as chair of the Port of Corpus Christi Commission in January
3 2024; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the commission since 2012, Charlie Zahn
5 was first elected chair in 2016; he has worked tirelessly to enhance
6 the port's infrastructure, and construction of the deepening and
7 widening of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel Improvement Project
8 will be completed in 2025; the port has continued to set records for
9 growth in goods movements; in 2022, the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*
10 named him Newsmaker of the Year to recognize his contributions to
11 the success of the region's primary economic engine; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Zahn is a longtime resident of Port Aransas;
13 dedicated to his community, he has served in many leadership roles,
14 including president of the Port Aransas Independent School District
15 Board of Trustees and chair of the Texas State Aquarium Board of
16 Trustees and Nueces County Board of Coastal Parks; he has been
17 active in the Boy Scouts of America for more than seven decades and
18 served the organization as both president and chair of the South
19 Texas Council; in addition, he has been vice chair of the Corpus
20 Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization and a member of the
21 Alliance for I-69 Texas and the Texas Department of Transportation
22 I-69 Advisory Committee; he has also given of his time and expertise
23 to such organizations as the Port Aransas Parks and Recreation
24 Advisory Board, Port Aransas Charter Review Commission, Port

1 Aransas Community Theatre, Friends of the Ellis Memorial Library,
2 and Coastal Conservation Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Among numerous accolades, Mr. Zahn has received the
4 Distinguished Citizen and President's Awards from the Boy Scouts of
5 America and the Henry Baldwin Award from the United Corpus Christi
6 Chamber of Commerce; he is a member of the Port Aransas Boatmen Hall
7 of Fame, and he was named 2005 Citizen of the Year by the City of
8 Port Aransas; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Zahn is a partner in the Law Offices of Charles
10 W. Zahn Jr. and focuses his practice on real estate and water law;
11 he holds a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and a doctor
12 of jurisprudence degree from Baylor University; in all his
13 endeavors, he is supported by the love and encouragement of his
14 wife, Linda; they take great pride in a fine family that includes
15 two children, three grandchildren, and a great-grandson; and

16 WHEREAS, Through his vision, skill, and professionalism,
17 Charlie Zahn has greatly advanced the mission of the Port of Corpus
18 Christi Commission, and his achievements have earned the respect
19 and admiration of his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
21 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Charles W. Zahn Jr.
22 for his service as chair of the Port of Corpus Christi Commission
23 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Mr. Zahn as an expression of high regard by the Texas
27 House of Representatives.