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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of the Texas Ports Association are
2 gathering in Austin for Texas Ports Day at the State Capitol on
3 February 21, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, An essential element of the state's economy, which
5 is the ninth-largest economy in the world, Texas ports play an
6 integral role in the international supply chain; the system boasts
7 the largest container port on the Gulf Coast, the largest breakbulk
8 gateway in the U.S., the leading energy export gateway in the
9 nation, and the largest port in the country in total revenue
10 tonnage; ranked second in the U.S. in waterborne commerce, Texas
11 ports handle 616.2 million tons of foreign and domestic cargo,
12 generate \$449.6 billion of total economic value for the state, and
13 impact more than 1.8 million jobs; a recent *Global Trade* article
14 lauded the state with the greatest cluster of power ports among the
15 top 20 list; moreover, three Texas ports are designated as
16 strategic military ports by the U.S. Department of Defense,
17 providing surface deployment and worldwide distribution for
18 military cargo; and

19 WHEREAS, The Texas Ports Association is an alliance of more
20 than 20 maritime ports along the Gulf Coast, and it represents a
21 number of import and export industries; the organization advocates
22 for infrastructure projects that will help supply chain
23 constraints, enhance port efficiency, improve the movement of
24 freight through intermodal systems, create new jobs, and attract

1 private investment; and

2 WHEREAS, TPA greatly benefits from the leadership of its
3 executive director and CEO Glenna K. Bruun as well as its president
4 Phyllis Saathoff, vice president Victor Martinez, and
5 secretary/treasurer Nelda Olivo; and

6 WHEREAS, Texas ports contribute tremendously to the economic
7 vitality of the Lone Star State, and all those associated with the
8 Texas Ports Association are deserving of recognition for their
9 support and advocacy; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize Texas Ports Day at the State Capitol
12 on February 21, 2023, and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
13 members of the Texas Ports Association.