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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Each year for the past decade, Texas Environmental 2 Excellence Awards have been presented to individuals, 3 organizations, schools, and businesses that have created successful programs to preserve and protect the environment of the 4 5 Lone Star State, and the 2003 winner in the government category is the Port of Houston Authority; and 6

7 WHEREAS, Working in concert with a number of state and 8 federal agencies, the Port of Houston Authority has implemented a 9 visionary 50-year project to expand the Houston Ship Channel and 10 use the dredged material in environmentally beneficial ways in 11 Galveston Bay; and

WHEREAS, Among the numerous positive results already realized by this initiative are the construction of a six-acre bird island, the creation of 220 acres of intertidal salt marshes, and the resurrection of Redfish Island; and

16 WHEREAS, The leadership of the Port of Houston Authority has 17 implemented an expansion of the Houston Ship Channel that not only 18 addresses commercial needs, but also improves the ecological 19 viability of this sensitive area, and its efforts in this regard are 20 indeed worthy of special legislative recognition; now, therefore, 21 be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 23 Legislature hereby congratulate the Port of Houston Authority on 24 its selection as the 2003 winner of the Texas Environmental

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Excellence Award in the government category; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
prepared for the Port of Houston Authority as an expression of high
regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1170 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House