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R E S O L U T I O N

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
4 successful programs to preserve and protect the environment of the
5 Lone Star State, and the 2003 winner in the government category is
6 the Port of Houston Authority; and

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

12 WHEREAS, Among the numerous positive results already
13 realized by this initiative are the construction of a six-acre bird
14 island, the creation of 220 acres of intertidal salt marshes, and
15 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

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