

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Executive director A. J. "Pete" Reixach, Jr., will  
2 mark his 20th anniversary with Port Freeport in December 2005; and

3           WHEREAS, In his successful career, Mr. Reixach has earned the  
4 admiration of his coworkers, his community, and his colleagues in  
5 the maritime industry around the nation; and

6           WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, Port Freeport and the  
7 surrounding community have benefited tremendously from Mr.  
8 Reixach's leadership, as the port has been transformed from a  
9 small, sleepy Texas port into a booming enterprise that is on course  
10 for a dynamic future; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Reixach started his shipping career in New  
12 Orleans, advancing through the ranks in this field before coming to  
13 Port Freeport in December 1985 as assistant general manager and  
14 being promoted to general manager three months later; he was  
15 appointed executive port director only two years later; and

16           WHEREAS, Through his leadership, Port Freeport has continued  
17 to grow; it ranks 12th among all U.S. ports in international cargo,  
18 while continuing to expand public dock activity, and is the  
19 second-largest containerport on the Texas Gulf Coast; and

20           WHEREAS, Through Mr. Reixach's vision for the future, Port  
21 Freeport will soon have a 60-foot channel just three miles from the  
22 Gulf of Mexico and now has more than 7,500 acres for future  
23 development, making it a leading economic catalyst for the Texas  
24 Gulf Coast today and tomorrow; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Reixach has shared his talents in his community  
2 as a member of the Brazosport Health Foundation, chairman of the  
3 Economic Development Alliance Infrastructure Committee, and past  
4 chairman of the board of the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, He has also shared his talents with his colleagues,  
7 serving as a member of the board of directors for the American  
8 Association of Port Authorities and past chairman of the board of  
9 directors for the Gulf Ports Association of Port Authorities and  
10 other groups, and he was recently appointed as a member of the Port  
11 Authority Advisory Committee for the Texas Department of  
12 Transportation; and

13           WHEREAS, The State of Texas benefits greatly from the  
14 development of this world-class navigational capability of Port  
15 Freeport; and

16           WHEREAS, Over the course of his illustrious career, Mr.  
17 Reixach has distinguished himself as a leader of the highest  
18 caliber whose contributions to the shipping industry and great  
19 business philosophy have gained him wide recognition and respect in  
20 the industry, and the occasion of this anniversary provides a  
21 fitting opportunity to honor him; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
23 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate A. J. "Pete"  
24 Reixach, Jr., on his 20th anniversary with Port Freeport and extend  
25 to him best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

26           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Mr. Reixach as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 222 was adopted by the House on July 19, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House