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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.