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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Port of Victoria has become a vital Texas
2 transportation hub that encourages commerce, creates jobs, and
3 enhances the overall prosperity of the state and its citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, Connected to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway by the
5 Victoria Barge Canal, the Port of Victoria is ideally suited for
6 intermodal shipments, with ample facilities for loading and
7 unloading materials and ready access to ground transportation
8 routes; and

9 WHEREAS, This southeastern Texas gateway began operation in
10 1968, after the 35-mile-long barge canal was constructed; in 1995,
11 work began to widen and deepen the shipping artery to the parameters
12 of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and this project was completed
13 in 2002, making the Port of Victoria an even more versatile and
14 practical transshipment point; and

15 WHEREAS, Combined with other facilities along the canal, the
16 port helps generate \$1.2 billion in annual revenue and \$52 million
17 in state and local taxes; in addition, more than 6,000 jobs are
18 related to the shipment of goods in and out of the Victoria Barge
19 Canal, with 2,500 workers gaining their livelihood from operations
20 directly related to the port; and

21 WHEREAS, The Port of Victoria stands as one of the most
22 valuable centers along the Texas coast for barge transport, which
23 has been proven a cost-effective and energy-efficient means of
24 moving materials, and this thriving marine terminal has become a

1 significant element in the economic well-being of the Lone Star
2 State; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the Port of Victoria for the valuable
5 contributions it makes to the State of Texas and commend the many
6 individuals who play a role in the activities of this shipping
7 facility.