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H.R. No. 653

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize H. Thomas Kornegay on the occasion of his retirement as
3 executive director of the Port of Houston Authority on February 1,
4 2009, after 37 years of loyal service; and

5 WHEREAS, Tom Kornegay joined the Port of Houston Authority in
6 April 1972 and worked his way up through the ranks, serving in the
7 engineering department and as managing director before becoming
8 executive director 17 years ago; and

9 WHEREAS, He is highly regarded as an engineer and a leader in
10 his industry and is lauded for his significant contributions in
11 advancing the mission of the Port of Houston as it expanded with the
12 economic development of the Houston metropolitan region and the
13 advancement of container shipping; and

14 WHEREAS, He developed the master plan for the Fentress
15 Bracewell Barbours Cut Container Terminal while in the engineering
16 department; the terminal opened in 1976 and now ranks as the busiest
17 container terminal on the United States Gulf Coast; he also oversaw
18 the development of the Bayport Terminal, the deepening and widening
19 of the Houston Ship Channel, and the Port of Houston Authority's
20 recovery from Hurricane Ike; and

21 WHEREAS, A leader in many professional and maritime industry
22 organizations over the years, he served as president of the
23 International Association of Ports and Harbors and as chairman of
24 the board of the American Association of Port Authorities; his

1 numerous accolades include being named Maritime Person of the Year
2 by the Greater Houston Port Bureau and Houston Area Engineer of the
3 Year by local engineers; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Kornegay's many accomplishments during his long
5 tenure with the Port of Houston Authority are a testament to his
6 dedication and his skill in engineering, management, and planning;
7 he has been an inspiration to those who have had the pleasure of
8 working with him, and his leadership will be greatly missed; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend H. Thomas Kornegay for his many years of
12 valuable service to the Port of Houston Authority and extend to him
13 best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Kornegay as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.