

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, A leader in many professional and maritime industry organizations over the years, he served as president of the International Association of Ports and Harbors and as chairman of the board of the American Association of Port Authorities; his numerous accolades include being named Maritime Person of the Year by the Greater Houston Port Bureau and Houston Area Engineer of the Year by local engineers; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 2, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate