

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the West Gulf Maritime Association for its efforts in unifying maritime industry concerns in the West Gulf area; and

WHEREAS, The West Gulf Maritime Association is a nonprofit organization organized in early 1968; it succeeded and combined several maritime associations in Houston, Galveston, and Brownsville; its members include steamship owners, operators, and agents and stevedoring and terminal companies located in all Texas ports and the Port of Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, The association appoints committees to negotiate and administer various labor agreements with the International Longshoremen's Association in West Gulf ports; it also provides payroll support services and training to ensure a safe and efficient working environment; and

WHEREAS, The West Gulf Maritime Association works with various bureaucracies throughout the Gulf Coast and serves as an important conduit for ongoing dialog with the maritime industry; its committees currently address industry education, technology changes, environmental issues, government affairs, safety and security issues, and a full range of maritime operations; and

WHEREAS, The organization has periodic meetings for its members in a variety of port cities, where association staff keeps members updated about the news and developments that affect their businesses in a relaxed atmosphere that provides members an opportunity to network and hear about the latest activities in the maritime industry; and

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WHEREAS, Whether it is negotiating contractual agreements with the International Longshoremen's Association or advocating the trade's interest to members of Congress, the West Gulf Maritime Association is an active advocate and liaison for the maritime industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the members of the West Gulf Maritime Association for their valuable services and extend to them best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Whitmire

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate