

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 318**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the delegation from the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce to the Capitol; and

**WHEREAS,** The community of La Porte was founded in 1892 and is the oldest incorporated town in eastern Harris County; it soon became one of the premier tourist destinations in the region, as the public waterfront space known as Sylvan Grove began offering such amenities as bathhouses, boating piers, cottage retreats, and a Victorian hotel with a dance pavilion; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the years, the city continued to grow and prosper and overcame a fire and two hurricanes to become stronger and more unified; World War II brought shipyards and manufacturing activity to the region, and later the arrival of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Bayport Channel to the area transformed the local economy and helped La Porte establish itself as an outstanding community for industry; the opening of the La Porte-Baytown tunnel in 1954 spurred further development; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, ocean-going ships make their way up the Houston Ship Channel, passing both a vibrant industrial sector and the famed San Jacinto Battleground and Monument, where the battle that won Texas' independence was fought; and

**WHEREAS,** The La Porte-Bayshore area offers award-winning schools, expansive parklands, and convenient access to the amenities of Houston and the Houston Ship Channel; it is truly

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fitting that this exemplary community receive recognition for the important role it has played in our state's success; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend the people of the La Porte-Bayshore community on their many contributions to our state's growth and prosperity and extend to the delegation from the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce best wishes for a productive visit to the Capitol; and, be it further

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

Taylor of Galveston

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate