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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation from the Port of Houston is visiting
2 Austin on February 19, 2019, in celebration of Port Authority Day at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by early settlers, the Port of Houston
5 was originally located at the confluence of White Oak and Buffalo
6 Bayous, now the site of Allen's Landing historic park in downtown
7 Houston; activity expanded along Buffalo Bayou, and by the end of
8 the 19th century, the bayou had become a major shipping channel; and

9 WHEREAS, In the wake of the hurricane that devastated
10 Galveston in 1900, Harris County citizens approved the creation of
11 a new Houston port; a \$1.25 million bond campaign for dredging of
12 the waterway was launched in 1911, and three years later, President
13 Woodrow Wilson presided over the official opening of the port to
14 traffic; and

15 WHEREAS, The port grew to become an economic powerhouse for
16 the region, aided by the construction of the Barbours Cut terminal
17 in 1977 and the Bayport terminal in 2006; currently ranking among
18 the world's busiest deep-sea ports, it is first in our nation for
19 foreign waterborne tonnage and second in total foreign and domestic
20 waterborne tonnage, and it processes nearly 70 percent of the
21 region's container traffic along the Gulf Coast; in addition, more
22 than 1.2 million jobs across the state can be attributed to port
23 commerce; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2016, the port received the Galveston Bay

1 Foundation's Guardian of the Bay Award for its commitment to
2 preserving and protecting natural resources; under the leadership
3 of port commission chair Ric Campo and executive director Roger
4 Guenther, the port continues to work in partnership with the
5 foundation to further this mission; and

6 WHEREAS, The Port of Houston has been an engine for economic
7 dynamism in Harris County for over a century, and through its
8 continued growth, it contributes significantly to the prosperity of
9 the entire state; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor the Port of Houston on the occasion of Port
12 Authority Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
13 delegation sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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