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H.R. No. 1551

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John P. LaRue, special advisor to the Port of Corpus
2 Christi, is taking on new challenges in June 2019, following a
3 distinguished 25-year tenure with the port; and

4 WHEREAS, Appointed executive director of the Port of Corpus
5 Christi in 1994, Mr. LaRue guided its development from a regional
6 port authority to the fourth-largest U.S. port in tonnage; he has
7 been instrumental in setting port policy at the state and national
8 levels, winning wide recognition for his expertise in port
9 strategy; since becoming special advisor to the port authority in
10 January 2019, he has remained a strong advocate for funding of the
11 nation's critical infrastructure; he will continue to offer his
12 insights in a senior advisory capacity; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. LaRue is a member of the Texas Department of
14 Transportation Port Authority Advisory Committee, and he
15 previously served as chair; in addition, he has assisted TxDOT as a
16 member of the Freight Advisory Committee and the Panama Canal
17 Stakeholder Working Group; he has been a member of Port Industries
18 of Corpus Christi, a coalition committed to improving the quality
19 of life in the region, and he has also served on the boards of the
20 International Refrigerated Transportation Association, the San
21 Antonio Free Trade Alliance, and the American Association of Port
22 Authorities; and

23 WHEREAS, Benefiting the wider community, Mr. LaRue has
24 served as chair of the Gulf of Mexico Foundation and on the board of

1 United Way; a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, he holds a
2 bachelor's degree and a master's degree in political science from
3 Villanova University; he began his career with the City of
4 Philadelphia and went on to serve as commissioner of the Delaware
5 River Port Authority and as president and CEO of the Philadelphia
6 Port Corporation; in 1990, he was appointed founding executive
7 director of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority; in all his
8 endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Diane,
9 and their four sons, and he takes great pride in his four
10 grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, The Port of Corpus Christi is an important engine
12 for economic development, and through his vision and exemplary
13 leadership, John LaRue has contributed significantly to the
14 prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor John P. LaRue for his outstanding service
17 to the Port of Corpus Christi and extend to him sincere best wishes
18 as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; and, be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. LaRue as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.