

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 734

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize John P. LaRue, who is retiring on June 30, 2019, after 25 years of exceptional service as executive director of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, John LaRue assumed his role at the Port of Corpus Christi Authority in 1994, after having served as executive director of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Mr. LaRue's leadership, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority has grown from a regional organization to what is now the fourth-largest port in the United States in tonnage; an internationally recognized expert on port strategy, he has been instrumental in setting state and national port policy, and he has been an effective advocate for critical national infrastructure funding; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. LaRue has been active in a wide range of professional and civic organizations, including the Port Industries of Corpus Christi, the Texas Department of Transportation Port Advisory Committee, the American Association of Port Authorities, the United Way, and the Gulf of Mexico Foundation; he will continue to serve the Port of Corpus Christi Authority in a senior advisory capacity after his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary administrator, he is respected and admired by his colleagues, and his presence as executive director at the Port of Corpus Christi Authority will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend John P. LaRue on his outstanding service as executive director of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate