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H.R. No. 998

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Little Bay Restoration Initiative is working to  
2 revive and preserve the coastal resources of Aransas County, and  
3 this vital effort is truly worthy of special recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, On August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall  
5 along Aransas Bay, bringing heavy rains, high winds, and a  
6 four-foot storm surge, resulting in nearly \$950 million in damage  
7 to the county; Little Bay is an inlet of Aransas Bay, with Fulton to  
8 the north and Rockport to the south, and it receives stormwater  
9 runoff from Tully Creek and 11 storm drains; the hurricane  
10 accelerated the accumulation of sediment in this system, creating  
11 higher water elevation and lower flow of runoff; and

12           WHEREAS, The Little Bay Restoration Initiative seeks to  
13 improve drainage and stabilize and protect the shoreline from wave  
14 energy and storm surge, in order to reduce coastal erosion and  
15 prevent the flooding of area businesses, homes, and infrastructure;  
16 moreover, the initiative will help protect habitats from coastal  
17 erosion and bolster the ecotourism economy; and

18           WHEREAS, An integral part of the Aransas County Long Term  
19 Recovery Plan, the initiative is also a Tier I project of the Texas  
20 Coastal Resiliency Master Plan of the Texas General Land Office; it  
21 is a collaborative effort of Aransas County, the City of Rockport,  
22 the Town of Fulton, and the Aransas County Navigation District,  
23 with invaluable support from state and federal agencies such as the  
24 Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency

1 Management Agency; and

2 WHEREAS, The project benefits from the leadership of Aransas  
3 County Judge C. H. "Burt" Mills Jr., Rockport Mayor Patrick R. Rios,  
4 Fulton Mayor Kelli Cole, and Aransas County Navigation District  
5 Chair Malcolm Dieckow; and

6 WHEREAS, In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, the  
7 hardworking public officials of the region have responded to the  
8 challenges of recovery with fortitude and a spirit of cooperation,  
9 and they may indeed take great pride in their ongoing efforts to  
10 restore and preserve Little Bay; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commend the Little Bay Restoration Initiative  
13 and extend to all those associated with the endeavor sincere best  
14 wishes for continued success in their important work; and, be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the partners in the Little Bay Restoration Initiative  
18 as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
19 Representatives.