

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of the Texas Ports Association are
2 gathering in Austin for Texas Ports Day at the State Capitol on
3 February 21, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, An essential element of the state's economy, which
5 is the ninth-largest economy in the world, Texas ports play an
6 integral role in the international supply chain; the system boasts
7 the largest container port on the Gulf Coast, the largest breakbulk
8 gateway in the U.S., the leading energy export gateway in the
9 nation, and the largest port in the country in total revenue
10 tonnage; ranked second in the U.S. in waterborne commerce, Texas
11 ports handle 616.2 million tons of foreign and domestic cargo,
12 generate \$449.6 billion of total economic value for the state, and
13 impact more than 1.8 million jobs; a recent *Global Trade* article
14 lauded the state with the greatest cluster of power ports among the
15 top 20 list; moreover, three Texas ports are designated as
16 strategic military ports by the U.S. Department of Defense,
17 providing surface deployment and worldwide distribution for
18 military cargo; and

19 WHEREAS, The Texas Ports Association is an alliance of more
20 than 20 maritime ports along the Gulf Coast, and it represents a
21 number of import and export industries; the organization advocates
22 for infrastructure projects that will help supply chain
23 constraints, enhance port efficiency, improve the movement of
24 freight through intermodal systems, create new jobs, and attract

1 private investment; and

2 WHEREAS, TPA greatly benefits from the leadership of its
3 executive director and CEO Glenna K. Bruun as well as its president
4 Phyllis Saathoff, vice president Victor Martinez, and
5 secretary/treasurer Nelda Olivo; and

6 WHEREAS, Texas ports contribute tremendously to the economic
7 vitality of the Lone Star State, and all those associated with the
8 Texas Ports Association are deserving of recognition for their
9 support and advocacy; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize Texas Ports Day at the State Capitol
12 on February 21, 2023, and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
13 members of the Texas Ports Association.

Morrison

Phelan	Guerra	Murr
Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	A. Johnson of Harris	Rose
Button	J. Johnson of Harris	Rosenthal
Cain	Jones of Dallas	Schaefer
Campos	Jones of Harris	Schatzline
Canales	Kacal	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Hemphill	Shaheen
Clardy	King of Uvalde	Sherman, Sr.
Cole	Kitzman	Shine
Collier	Klick	Slaton
Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
Craddick	Lambert	Smithee
Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
Darby	Leach	Stucky
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morrison	Wu
Goodwin	Muñoz, Jr.	Zwiener

H.R. No. 281

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 281 was adopted by the House on February 21, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House