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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Port Houston has served as an advocate and strategic  
2 leader for the Houston Ship Channel for more than a century; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1914, Port Houston now owns and  
4 operates eight public terminals along the 52-mile waterway,  
5 including the area's largest break-bulk facility and two of the  
6 most efficient container terminals in the country; and

7 WHEREAS, With more than 200 public and private facilities,  
8 the ship channel complex is the nation's largest for waterborne  
9 tonnage; the Houston Ship Channel handles more cargo than the Ports  
10 of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and New York and New Jersey combined;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Port Houston has handled a record amount of cargo  
13 tonnage in the past year; representing over 20 percent of Texas'  
14 GDP, this cargo generates over 1.35 million jobs and more than \$339  
15 billion in economic activity in the state; and

16 WHEREAS, Guided by a seven-member board of port  
17 commissioners, along with 13 executive staff members, Port Houston  
18 works to advance the efficient flow of seaborne cargo on a global  
19 scale; it ensures that the channel is properly dredged, and through  
20 community initiatives and international partnerships, it adopts  
21 innovative technologies and implements continual improvements in  
22 productivity, reliability, and resiliency; while ensuring maximal  
23 freight mobility, it also serves as a guardian of the channel  
24 environment; and

1       WHEREAS, Port Houston is the principal advocate for the ship  
2 channel, and its efforts have been vital in the rapid expansion of  
3 the waterway in order to take full advantage of opportunities for  
4 international trade; currently, it is in the process of widening  
5 and deepening the channel, coordinating with strategic partners  
6 throughout the region on a project requiring over \$1 billion in  
7 investment; Port Houston also strives to raise awareness of the  
8 needs of 19 other Texas seaports, whose efforts are also crucial in  
9 maintaining the status of preferred state for maritime commerce;  
10 and

11       WHEREAS, Through its skilled and forward-looking stewardship  
12 of the Houston Ship Channel, Port Houston plays an enormous role in  
13 the continued prosperity of Texas and in the dominance of our energy  
14 industry, and it is indeed a pleasure to welcome the port's  
15 representatives to the State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

16       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
17 hereby honor Port Houston for its contributions to the Texas  
18 economy and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes  
19 for the future; and, be it further

20       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
22 Senate.