

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 161

WHEREAS, The Port of Galveston is celebrating its 200th anniversary with a series of events in 2025; and

WHEREAS, The port was officially founded on October 17, 1825, when Stephen F. Austin urged the Mexican government to designate it as a provisional customs entry point; in 1836, the port played a vital role in the Texas Revolution and the Battle of San Jacinto, and after Texas won its independence, it became a catalyst in the incorporation of the city of Galveston in 1839; the port would serve as a powerful economic engine for Galveston and the primary factor in its emergence as one of the largest cities in Texas; in 1940, a public vote led to the port becoming a self-sustaining city entity; and

WHEREAS, Today, the 840-acre Port of Galveston is the only cruise port in the state and the fourth most popular cruise port in the nation; it features three terminals from which ships operated by Carnival, Disney, Norwegian, Princess, and Royal Caribbean cruise lines set sail, and this year, nearly two million passengers boarded cruises in Galveston; the cruise industry accounts for 60 percent of the port's revenue and is helping to fund renovation efforts, such as the \$90 million expansion project currently underway at the West Port Cargo Complex; in addition, officials recently broke ground on a \$156 million project to construct a fourth cruise terminal, adding to the port's stable of cruise providers; and

WHEREAS, The Port of Galveston has long been a resource of tremendous economic, commercial, and recreational significance to the State of Texas, and it is indeed fitting to join the people of Galveston in celebrating this important milestone in the rich history of the port; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Port of Galveston and pay tribute to the momentous role that the port has played in the story of Texas.

Middleton, Creighton

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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