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### THE PORT HONORS ONE OF ITS OWN WITH DEDICATION AND NAMING OF AL SPEIGHT MULTIPURPOSE RAIL YARD

**Corpus Christi, Texas** – On *Monday, January 11, 2010*, Port Corpus Christi will host a ceremony to honor Joseph Allen “Al” Speight by dedicating and naming a new rail /storage yard, located on the Port’s south side, in his memory. The event will take place at *10:00 a.m. at the yard site located in the corner of Resaca and Tanchua* near Whataburger Field.

Al Speight, who passed away on January 20, 2009 after a long battle with cancer, was a retired U S Army Lieutenant Colonel who served the Port for more than 12 years as Manager of Industrial Development. Perhaps most notably, Al’s leadership and history with the Department of Defense assisted in securing a Strategic Military Port designation for Port Corpus Christi—allowing the Port to play an important role in the war on terrorism.

On December 9, 2008, the Port Commission unanimously passed a resolution to name the new rail yard the *Al Speight Multipurpose Rail Yard* honoring Al’s long and significant contribution to the Port’s success. “*The Port Commission is very proud to honor Al Speight’s service to the Port and the community by dedicating a facility he worked hard to design, fund and complete.*” Said Ruben Bonilla, Chairman of the Port Commission.