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Port of Corpus Christi to Host Texas House Select Committee on Ports, Infrastructure and Innovation

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – On Monday, April 30, 2018 the Port of Corpus Christi will host a hearing of the Texas House Select Committee on Ports, Infrastructure and Innovation, beginning at 10 AM at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center, 402 Harbor Drive.

The hearing will feature discussion among Committee members including Chairman Joe Deshotel, District 22; Vice Chair Dennis Paul, District 129; and Representatives Craig Goldman, District 97; Geanie Morrison, District 30; Evelina Ortega, District 77; Dade Phelan, District 21; and Justin Rodriguez, District 125.

What: Texas House Select Committee on Ports, Infrastructure and Innovation Hearing

When & Where: Monday, April 30, 2018 @ 10 AM
Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center
402 Harbor Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

The Committee will meet to hear invited and public testimony on the following:

Review the maritime port program for "Funding of Port Security, Projects, and Studies" in Chapter 55 of the Texas Transportation Code to identify changes or modernization needed to address current maritime-related port access and freight mobility needs.

Study the benefits of 85RSB28: Funding of Ship Channel Improvements; ensure the fund is properly designed to benefit the Coast of Texas and its Ports.

Study how to continue maintenance and dredging to ensure navigable waterways and channels. Identify alternative funding, if any, ensure navigable waterways and channels to remain competitive in the post-Panama Canal expansion era.

Texas ports connect to global markets across a vast array of industries. The advent of "megaships," expansion of the Panama Canal, and Mexico's project to reform its energy sector are transforming global transportation networks and markets. To ensure Texas is able to take full advantage of these innovations and other economic opportunities presented by its ports, the Committee shall review Texas ports' infrastructure including inland borders and border ports of entry. The Committee shall also analyze changes to the global trade landscape and the preparedness of Texas ports and border ports of entry to capitalize on those changes. Further, the Committee shall identify the near and long-term challenges facing Texas ports and border points of entry and propose solutions to address those needs.

About Port Corpus Christi

As the leading U.S. Crude Oil export port and a major economic engine of Texas and the nation, Port Corpus Christi is the 4th largest port in the United States in total tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36 mile, 47 foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic maritime commerce. The Port has excellent railroad and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstate highways. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven member commission, Port Corpus Christi is "Moving America's Energy." <http://www.portcorpuschristi.com/>

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