



GALVESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 16, 2010

TO: Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas
Steve LeBlanc
Galveston City Council Members

RE: Galveston Chamber of Commerce Resolution in Support
for Opening Free Trade with Cuba

Honorable Mayor Thomas, Steve, and Council:

As Chair of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, and its approximate 800 members, I respectfully present the attached Resolution by the Galveston Chamber of Commerce in support for opening free trade with Cuba.

We would respectfully request that you consider this Resolution. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Fred D. Raschke, Chair
Galveston Chamber of Commerce

Attachment (1)

ccs:

Honorable James D. Yarbrough
Texas Congressional Delegation
Steven M. Cernak, Port Director
John Eckel, Chairman, Board of Trustees-Galveston Wharves
Ted O'Rourke, President-ILA Local 20
Galveston Chamber Board
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RESOLUTION BY THE GALVESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS TO ITS SUPPORT FOR OPENING FREE TRADE WITH CUBA

On February 16, 2010, the Galveston Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors unanimously approved the recommendation of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Committee and passed the following resolution regarding its support for opening free trade with Cuba:

WHEREAS, opening free trade with Cuba in order to facilitate job growth in Galveston; and

WHEREAS, opening free trade with Cuba in order to increase our chance to become home-port for one or more cruise ships; and

WHEREAS, opening free trade with Cuba in order to support opening both tourism and cargo trade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Galveston Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors expresses its support for opening free trade with Cuba.

SIGNED this 16th day of February, 2010.

By: 

Fred D. Raschke, Chair
Galveston Chamber of Commerce



Gina M. Spagnola, IOM, President
Galveston Chamber of Commerce