



# GALVESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 16, 2010

TO: Mr. Vandy Anderson, Chair  
The Board of Commissioners of Pilots,  
Ports of Galveston County

RE: Galveston Chamber of Commerce  
Resolution on the Port Pilots' Fee Increase

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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 as to its position on the port pilots' fee increase.

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 Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas  
Steve LeBlanc  
Galveston City Council Members  
Honorable James D. Yarbrough, County Judge  
Steven M. Cernak, Director-Port of Galveston  
John Eckel, Chairman, Board of Trustees-Galveston Wharves  
Galveston Chamber Board  
Chamber Advocacy Committee  
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## GALVESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### RESOLUTION BY THE GALVESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS TO ITS POSITION ON THE PORT PILOTS' FEE INCREASE

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 to take the following position on port pilots' fee increase:

WHEREAS, on port pilots' fee increase we must maintain present business in the port; and

WHEREAS, on port pilots' fee increase we must develop ways to increase port traffic;

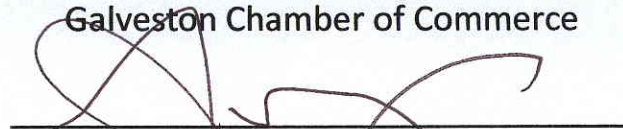
#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. As a result, fees and work rules mandated for pilots in the Galveston County area must be both comparable and competitive with those of pilots in competing ports.
2. While we recognize pilots must maintain a living wage, dramatic increases at this time could damage the Port of Galveston's competitiveness, particularly in the tourism business, where there exist special competitive pressures from the port of Houston.

SIGNED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

By: 

Fred D. Raschke, Chair  
Galveston Chamber of Commerce



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