

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Houston/Galveston region is home to the largest and most important concentration of petroleum refining and petrochemical processing plants in the United States and the Port of Houston is the second-busiest port in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the region is hit by a major hurricane approximately every 15 years, and the Perryman Report estimates that a “Katrina-like” storm would cause aggregate losses to the Texas economy of \$73 billion in gross product, \$61.3 billion in income and 863,000 jobs while causing an enormous amount of damage to the economy of the United states; and

WHEREAS, a storm surge suppression system is essential to protect the industries, economy, citizens and communities of the Houston/Galveston region while preserving the regional coastal ecosystem; and

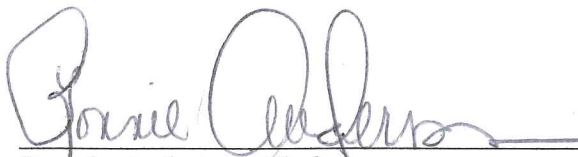
WHEREAS, such a storm surge suppression system currently under serious study is termed the “Ike Dike” concept, developed by Texas A & M University at Galveston by Dr. Bill Merrell; and

WHEREAS, the concept is modeled from other technologies successfully installed around the world – including the Netherlands and New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the “Ike Dike concept” coastal spine surge suppression system is technically feasible, economically sound, environmentally friendly and socially just;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Baytown West Chambers County Economic Development Foundation fully supports and endorses efforts to create a storm surge suppression system, such as the “Ike Dike concept”, which would provide comprehensive protection to the industries, businesses, schools, government facilities, residences and associated infrastructure in and around the Houston/Galveston region.



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