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PORT FREEPORT GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES \$20,642.21 FOR JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF BRAZORIA COUNTY

FREEPORT, Texas (March 31, 2008) – Continuing its commitment to the younger residents of the community, Port Freeport has presented to Junior Achievement of Brazoria County more than \$20,000 raised through a benefit golf tournament.

"Port Freeport is dedicated to giving back to our community and, in particular, supporting efforts that benefit the youth of our community," said Port Commission Chairman James F. Brown Jr., who presented a \$20,642.21 check to Junior Achievement representatives at the commission's March 27 meeting. "We're really proud to have the opportunity to serve as host of the tournament and play a role in the commendable efforts of Junior Achievement."

Since 1956, Junior Achievement of Brazoria County has been educating and inspiring youth to value free enterprise, business, financial literacy and economics in order to improve the quality of their lives. Last year, nearly 8,000 students in all grades, kindergartners through high school seniors, in 43 local schools were presented Junior Achievement programs by some 500 volunteers.

"We're thrilled with Port Freeport and all the hard work the people of the Port put into the event, as well as delighted with the amount of funds raised, which is the largest amount raised this school year," said Kim Effenberger, president of Junior Achievement of Brazoria County, who noted that the funds will be used to buy program materials. "This will help us significantly in preparing the workforce of tomorrow by giving these students an understanding of how business operates today."

Port Freeport Executive Port Director A.J. "Pete" Reixach Jr. commented, "Port Freeport has a history of making a concerted effort to assist community organizations that focus on the children of Brazoria County. We are pleased to extend this commitment this year to Junior Achievement."

In previous years, Port Freeport has played a role in support of such organizations as the Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County, has presented backpacks and school supplies to local children and, each spring since 2001, has sponsored the Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament. The eighth annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament is scheduled for May 10 at Freeport Municipal Park.

More than 100 golfers, most from the Freeport and Houston maritime transportation industry, took part in

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the benefit golf tournament, held March 14 at the Wilderness Golf Course in Lake Jackson. The event was capped off with a crawfish boil dinner.

Port Freeport currently ranks 14th among U.S. ports in international cargo tonnage handled. With a current channel of 45-foot depth, soon to be widened and deepened, just 3 miles from open Gulf of Mexico waters, Port Freeport offers more than 7,500 acres for future development. Port Freeport serves its customers and stakeholders through development and marketing of competitive world-class navigational capabilities, technically advanced marine and multimodal terminal services and port-related industrial facilities while achieving profits and creating jobs as a leading economic catalyst for the Texas Gulf Coast.

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