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### **PORT FREEPORT ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES RECORD AMOUNT**

**FREEPORT, TX (December 12, 2019)** – During the December 12th meeting, the Port Commission and staff presented a check in the amount of \$69,250 from the proceeds of the Annual Port Freeport Golf Tournament to Bobby Fuller, Director of Texas Port Ministry.

The tournament was held November 1, 2019 at the Wilderness Golf Course in Lake Jackson. New this year, Port Freeport hosted a two-flight tournament, resulting in the participation of 18 additional teams. A combined total of 54 teams and over 83 sponsors made the tournament a success.

“The services provided by Texas Port Ministry are important for the well-being of seafarers that live and work on ships calling the terminals located on the Freeport Harbor Channel. Vessel traffic along the Freeport Harbor Channel continues to grow with a 50% increase since 2015, expanding the demand for the services that Texas Port Ministry provides,” said Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff.

Proceeds from the tournament will assist Texas Port Ministry in providing for the spiritual, social, and physical needs of mariners and truckers within the Freeport Harbor Channel community. Each year, Texas Port Ministry impacts over 10,000 international seafarers from over 50 countries, over 150,000 truck drivers, and many local port workers. The work of the ministry is completely funded through donations and through the service of over 40 volunteers representing 20 area churches.

“Each year the tournament proceeds have exceeded the prior year, and this year was no exception with the decision to move to a two-flight tournament,” said Port Commission Chairman

Shane Pirtle. “On behalf of the Port Commission, I would like to thank Texas Port Ministry for the services they provide, and a huge thank you to the sponsors, volunteers, and staff for their commitment to making this a very successful tournament.”

The success of the tournament is contributed to efforts of staff, dedication of volunteers, and the generosity of sponsors and participants

*Title Sponsor* – Port Freeport; *Hole-In-One* – Classic Chevrolet; *Elite Sponsor* – Enterprise Products, McCarthy Building Company, Phillips 66; *Platinum* – HDR Engineering, Inc., Brazos Pilots Association; *Gold* – Freeport LNG, Gulf Stream Marine, Horizon Terminal Services, Vulcan Materials Company; *Silver* – BASF, Bay-Houston Towing Co., MEGlobal; *Bronze* – Associated Testing Laboratories, Bay Area Fire & Safety, BBC Chartering, Blank Rome, LLP., Ceres Gulf, Inc., Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC, Dole Fresh Fruit, DOW Chemical Emergency Services, GAC, Heritage Bank, Jones Carter, LJA Engineering, Inc., Phillips 66, Port Commissioner John Hoss, Ports America, Red Hook Terminals, Signet Maritime Corporation, Sorrell Contractors, Teal Construction Company, Terracon Consultants, Inc., Tolunay-Wong Engineers, Inc., Vernor Materials, WSP USA, Inc.; *Beverage Cart* – Tolunay-Wong Engineers, Inc.; *Lunch* – Killum Pest Control, Freeport Mooring & Marine, Jimmy Johns; *Tent and Hole Sponsor* – LJA Engineering, Inc., Benchmark Ecological Services, Inc. *Breakfast Sponsors* – LJA Engineering, Inc., Bracewell LLP, Jetco Delivery, Mi Ranchito; *Putting Greens Sponsors* – Doyle & Wachtstetter, Inc.; *Awards Sponsors* – Gulf LNG Service, Paul Lamb, SK E&S ING; *Dinner* – LEAF Engineers, A PBK Company, The First State Bank, West Gulf Maritime Association; *Hole Sponsor* – Ampports, Baystar Group, Brevard Group, City of Freeport, Clark Freight Line, Inc., EHRA Engineering, Freeport Mooring & Marine, Gallagher & Co., Integrated Architecture & Design, LLC (iAD), Judge Matt Sebesta & Commissioner Donald Payne, Kennemer, Masters & Lunsford LLC, Kile Consulting, Killum Pest Control, Masterson Advisors, LLC, Port Freeport Commissioner Ravi Singhanian, Port Freeport Commissioner Shane Pirtle, Port Freeport Employees, Raba Kistner Consultants, Sunstates Security, LLC; *Sponsor Donations* – Angleton Chiropractic, Baystar Group, Big Country Gun Range, Blueline Shop, Bobbie and Jackie Fuller, Chick-fil-a, Evco, Gary and Denise Foose, Gulf Coast Paper, GulfTex Vending and Services, Inc., Honda of Lake Jackson, M&G Trailer Ranch, On The River, Promotions Unlimited, Rooster’s Crow Guide Service, LLC, Texas Gulf Bank, Texas Port Ministry, Texas Roadhouse, and The Wilderness.



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**PHOTO CUTLINE:** Port Commission and staff presents check to Bobby Fuller, Director of Texas Port Ministry.