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**PORT FREEPORT MARKS 100 YEARS WITH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AND
COMMUNITY PORT TOURS**

FREEPORT, TX (December 10, 2025) – Port Freeport commemorated its 100th anniversary with two signature Centennial events celebrating a century of maritime service, economic growth, and community partnership. A formal Centennial Celebration was held on Thursday, December 4, followed by Community Port Tours on Saturday, December 6, welcoming the public for a rare behind-the-scenes look at Port operations.

The Centennial Celebration brought together elected officials, maritime and logistics leaders, community partners, port tenants, and employees to honor the Port's evolution into one of Texas's most strategically significant deep-water ports. The program reflected on transformational milestones while highlighting the Port's continued role as an economic driver for Brazoria County and the State of Texas.

"For 100 years, Port Freeport has stood as a cornerstone of opportunity for Brazoria County and for Texas," said Rob Giesecke, Chairman of the Port Freeport Commission. "This Centennial is more than a celebration of history; it is a testament to the leadership, workforce, and vision that transformed this Port into a globally connected economic powerhouse. As we enter our next century, the Commission remains committed to responsible growth, infrastructure investment, and unwavering service to our community."

The Centennial continued Saturday with Community Port Tours, offering residents a firsthand look at marine terminals, cargo operations, and critical infrastructure. Hundreds of community members registered to participate, gaining insight into the complex systems that facilitate global trade, support regional industry, and sustain thousands of local jobs.

“These tours gave our community an opportunity to see their Port in action,” said Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director and CEO of Port Freeport. “Port Freeport belongs to this community. Every vessel movement, infrastructure project, and investment directly supports families, businesses, and our regional economy. Our Centennial is not only about honoring our past, but it’s also about preparing boldly and responsibly for the future.”

Together, both events reinforced the Port’s guiding principles of being anchored in service, propelled by people, and driven by opportunity. As one of the region’s key economic drivers, Port Freeport supports thousands of direct and indirect jobs and generates billions of dollars annually through global trade, manufacturing, and logistics.

The Centennial events also reflected the Port’s continued commitment to transparency, education, and public engagement, ensuring the community remains closely connected to the Port’s mission and its role in shaping the region’s economic future.

As Port Freeport enters its second century of service, the Port remains focused on strategic infrastructure investment, sustainable operations, and strengthening its position as a premier gateway for global commerce, while remaining firmly rooted in the community it proudly serves.

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranks nationally as 6th in chemicals, 14th in total foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2022 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 266,300 jobs and has a total economic output of \$157.3 billion. Port Freeport serves Alliera, Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products Partners, ExxonMobil, Freeport LNG, Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc., Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Linde, MEGlobal, NYK RORO, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Volkswagen Group of America, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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PHOTO CUTLINE 1: Phyllis Saathoff stands alongside current and former Port Freeport Commissioners during the Centennial Celebration, honoring the leadership and stewardship that have guided the Port over the past century.



PHOTO CUTLINE 2: Rob Giesecke, Chairman of the Port Freeport Commission, and Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO of Port Freeport, spoke at the Centennial Celebration, emphasizing the Port's 100-year history and commitment to regional growth.



PHOTO CUTLINE 3: Representative Cody Vasut addresses guests during the Centennial Celebration, acknowledging the Port's 100-year legacy and its continued role in supporting commerce and economic growth across the state.



PHOTO CUTLINE 4: Residents take part in the Centennial Community Port Tours on December 6, experiencing an up-close look at marine terminals, cargo movement, and daily port operations.



PHOTO CUTLINE 5: A young participant peers out from a tour bus during the Centennial Community Port Tours, reflecting Port Freeport’s continued commitment to education and engaging future generations.



PHOTO CUTLINE 6: A tour bus passes beneath towering Super Post-Panamax ship-to-shore gantry cranes during the Centennial Community Port Tours, offering participants a ground-level view of the infrastructure that supports global commerce.