

Protect America's Coasts

Whereas, the coast of **South Padre Island, Texas** is one of the region's natural treasures; and

Whereas, the nation's coastal regions are economic engines providing recreational opportunities and environmental resources that deserve to be preserved and protected; and

Whereas, nearly 60 percent of all Americans live within 50 miles of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, and the five Great Lakes; and

Whereas, America's beaches are major tourist destinations for millions of domestic and foreign visitors, providing jobs and business profits which, in turn, produce billions of dollars in tax revenue for the federal government; and

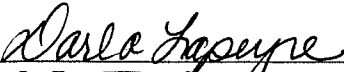
Whereas, the devastation caused by hurricanes and severe weather underscores the urgent need to invest in our nation's water resources infrastructure to reduce the risk that lives will be lost and property destroyed;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the South Padre Island Economic Development Corporation supports the efforts of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association to promote initiatives that encourage the federal government to acknowledge its responsibility for partnering with state and local governments to develop and implement plans that will protect and preserve America's coasts and their inhabitants.

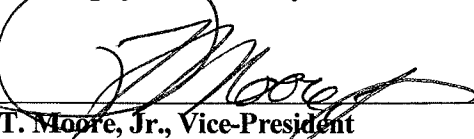
Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution is spread upon the minutes of this Board, and that originals hereof are furnished to **Senator John Cornyn, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, and Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz**, and that said elected officials be requested to lend their support to the passage of these desperately needed programs

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above **Resolution** was unanimously passed on this **19th** day of **February, 2008**.

Attest:



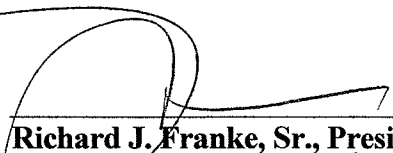
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