

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PROPOSED RESTORATION AND REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AT GULFPORT.

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast and neighboring states causing the greatest natural disaster ever to occur in the State of Mississippi and the United States, including almost complete destruction of the facilities and infrastructure of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by the House of Representatives and its members that restoration and redevelopment of the Port of Gulfport is vital to the continued economic recovery and development of Gulfport, Harrison County, the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the entire State of Mississippi from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Port of Gulfport's restoration program is to facilitate the restoration of public infrastructure and publicly owned facilities that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, to provide storm mitigation against future damages and to provide for the long-term recovery of the operating capacity of the port and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the concept adopted for restoration and redevelopment of the port facilities would allow and accommodate future growth of port facilities which could bring a higher quality of life; substantial, new and better jobs; facilitate and maximize the future growth of port operations through private investment, while at the same time seeking to minimize community displacement, disruption and intrusion by port activities and operations; and bring business and economic development opportunities into Harrison County, the coastal region and the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to encourage economic development and revitalization through its expressed support for the concept adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport for restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport, finding and declaring the same, essential to our joint mission and purpose of advancing the well-being of citizens of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby express our support for the proposed restoration and redevelopment concept by the Mississippi State Port Authority for the reconstruction of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
February 18, 2009

  
WILLIAM J. MCCOY  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES