

RESOLUTION NO. 05-036

WHEREAS, freshwater inflows to Sabine Lake are important to commercial and recreational fishermen, bird watchers and other citizens living and working in Beaumont, Jefferson County and surrounding areas; and,

WHEREAS, the sport fishing industry makes a tremendous contribution to the economy of Southeast Texas through the tourism it attracts; and,

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry provides many jobs in Southeast Texas and supplies fresh fish to local restaurants and markets around the area; and,

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is an international birding destination because of the tremendous diversity of birds occurring here; and,

WHEREAS, the sport and commercial fishing industries, bird watching, and other nature-related tourism activities help support a variety of businesses in Beaumont and Jefferson County, including hotels and restaurants, tour guide operators, marinas and boat dealers, fishing equipment and supply outlets, bait dealers and fish houses; and,

WHEREAS, sport and commercial fishing and other tourism industries can be harmed by the failure to ensure that sufficient freshwater flows reach the Sabine Lake system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT:

THAT the City of Beaumont, Texas, does hereby respectfully urge Senator Kyle Janek, Senator Tommy Williams, Representative Allan Ritter, and Representative Joseph Deshotel to develop and enact legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Beaumont this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005.

 - Mayor Evelyn M. Lord -

