

## BAY AND ESTUARY INFLOWS

WHEREAS,

freshwater inflows to the Lavaca/Matagorda and San Antonio Bay systems are important to commercial and recreational fisherman, bird watchers and other citizens living and working in Calhoun and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS,

the sportfishing industry makes a tremendous contribution to the economy of the Calhoun County area through the tourism it attracts; and

WHEREAS,

the commercial fishing industry provides many jobs in the Calhoun County area and supplies fresh fish to local restaurants and markets around the area; and

WHEREAS,

the Calhoun County area 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 the Calhoun County area, including hotels and restaurants, tour guide operators, marinas and boat dealers, fishing equipment and supply outlets, and 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 Lavaca/Matagorda and San Antonio Bay systems; and

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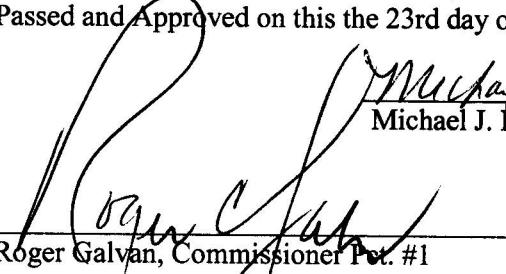
in light of the foregoing, it is important for our governing body to speak out strongly in favor of the Texas Legislature taking steps to protect freshwater inflows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Calhoun County Commissioners' Court that:

We respectfully urge Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Kenneth Armbrister, and Representative Gene Seaman to develop and enact legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

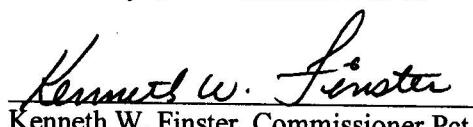
Passed and Approved on this the 23rd day of December, 2004.

  
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ATTEST:

  
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