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Sending this to SNND media contacts now and will post on website. Clayton, release below and attached as PDF to send to stakeholder list. Milam, please share with Congressional contacts too if you'd like! Congrats!!

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Sabine-Neches Waterway Channel Improvement Project Continues to Move Forward

PORT ARTHUR, TX – The U.S. Senate today passed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, which authorizes the Sabine-Neches Waterway Channel Improvement Project, in a 91-7 vote. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bipartisan measure earlier this week in a vote of 412 to 4.

The project will deepen the Sabine-Neches Waterway from 40 feet to 48 feet to accommodate larger ships. It will also allow the area to better serve critical industry already on the waterway as well as tens of billions of dollars in planned projects that chose this area due to our unique link to the country's pipeline system, available land, trained local workforce and business-friendly community.

"This has been an incredible journey. It's taken us 15 years of hard work and determination to get to this point. So many of our local, state and federal leaders and past SNND leaders and staff deserve a huge thanks" said Paul Beard, chairman of the Sabine-Neches Navigation District, "It's been a pleasure to help lead this once-in-a-lifetime project to this point. Now it's time to get out there and start digging!"

The Sabine-Neches Waterway currently generates billions of dollars in revenues and thousands of jobs in Jefferson County, the state of Texas and the United States. Once the deepening project is complete, this American Asset will support more than 200,000 jobs in Jefferson County alone and about 465,000 jobs nationwide.

"The waterway impacts nearly every business and individual in Jefferson County," said Randall Reese, General Manager of SNND. "It creates jobs and generates revenues that fund local services, schools, hospitals and infrastructure. We are extremely grateful to our Jefferson County officials and our state and federal officials for their tireless efforts in making this project a reality."

The bill will now be sent to the President for his signature. Upon presidential signature, the bill will become public law, and the Sabine-Neches Waterway Channel Improvement Project will be federally authorized to move forward.

The Sabine-Neches Waterway is the nation's fourth largest waterway, transporting more than 100 million tons of cargo each year. It is the nation's No. 1 crude oil import channel and home to the No. 1 commercial military outload port. Refineries along the ship channel produce 60 percent of nation's commercial jet fuel and the majority of U.S. military jet fuel. Additionally, 55 percent of the nation's strategic oil reserves are supported by the waterway.

For more information, please contact Randall Reese, General Manager of the SNND at 409.729.4588 or rreese@navigationdistrict.org or Clayton Henderson, assistant general manager at chenderson@navigationdistrict.org, or visit www.navigationdistrict.org.

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About the Sabine-Neches Navigation District

The SNND responsibly manages, advocates for and improves the ship channel and navigable waters of Jefferson County to enhance the economy, environment and quality of life in Southeast Texas. The SNND, local sponsor of the Sabine-Neches Waterway, is a political subdivision of the state of Texas and has operated in Jefferson County for more than 100 years. The Sabine-Neches Waterway is an engine that drives the economies of Southeast Texas and the U.S., pumping billions of dollars into the economy and generating nearly 300,000 permanent jobs.



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