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Greetings,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Advocacy & Legislative Affairs Committee of the Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to express our strong support to select the Galveston Yacht Basin (GYB) as the new homeport for U.S.S. Texas (BB-35), also known as the Battleship Texas.


The Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce, the first Chamber in the state of Texas, has been promoting and advocating for business and community development in Galveston since 1845. Our vibrant and growing Chamber includes members from a variety of industries and disciplines. The Chamber of Commerce has not only advocated for economic growth but is also active on matters that are critical to the region's ability to meet the challenges of the future.

We embrace the proposal in its strong support of our tourism initiatives, its focus on families and children, and in the positive attention the city will receive from affiliation with the Battleship Texas Foundation. The GYB provides many advantages to be home to the Texas. The yacht basin is comprised of 75 acres of privately-owned, submerged land. The GYB site is easily accessible via Galveston's three major thoroughfares of Harborside Drive, Broadway Avenue, and Seawall Boulevard. Located on the east end of the island, GYB is within the tourist hub. At this location, the Texas will be highly visible to downtown Galveston and more than two million cruise passengers each year.

The Chamber is committed to action through carefully planned programs that include economic development, community development, and public affairs.

We stand in strong support of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Gina M. Spagnola
President & CEO
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa Elliott". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the last name being the most prominent.

Theresa Elliott
Chair, Advocacy Committee
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