RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-030

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS, EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE SAVE OUR SHRIMPERS ACT, H.R. 2071 ANDS. 4863; URGING PROMPT ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO ADVANCE AND ENACT THE LEGISLATION; AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DOMESTIC SHRIMPING INDUSTRY AND THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES THAT DEPEND UPON IT.

WHEREAS, the City of Bay City is a historic Texas Gulf Coast community situated in Matagorda County whose economy, culture, identity, and heritage have long been closely connected to commercial fishing and the domestic shrimping industry; and

WHEREAS, generations of shrimpers, vessel owners, seafood processors, dock operators, wholesalers, retailers, restaurants, and other businesses associated with the commercial fishing industry have contributed substantially to the economy and character of Bay City, Matagorda County, and communities throughout the Texas Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, the continued viability of the domestic shrimping industry is important not only to those directly engaged in commercial fishing, but also to the preservation of local jobs, working waterfronts, seafood processing and distribution businesses, coastal economies, and a longstanding way of life in Gulf Coast communities; and

WHEREAS, domestic shrimpers are required to operate in accordance with United States laws and regulations governing labor, environmental protection, vessel safety, fisheries management, and other matters, while competing in the United States marketplace against substantial quantities of imported shrimp produced under differing economic, regulatory, and labor conditions; and

WHEREAS, American shrimpers should not be placed at an additional competitive disadvantage as a result of financial assistance provided through international financial institutions in which the United States participates when such assistance supports foreign shrimp farming, shrimp processing, or shrimp exports that compete with domestically harvested shrimp; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2071, the Save Our Shrimpers Act, was introduced in the 119th United States Congress by Representative Troy E. Nehls of Texas and would require the United States Executive Directors at certain international financial institutions to oppose financial assistance for projects supporting shrimp farming, shrimp processing, or the export of shrimp in borrowing countries, subject to the provisions and exceptions contained in the legislation; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2026, the United States House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved H.R. 2071 by a bipartisan vote of391 to 18, demonstrating broad national support for protecting American shrimpers from foreign competition subsidized through international financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2071 was received by the United States Senate on May 13, 2026, read twice, and referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where further action is presently required; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2026, United States Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, together with Senators Raphael Warnock of Georgia, Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, and John Kennedy of Louisiana, introduced S. 4863, the Save Our Shrimpers Act, as companion legislation in the United States Senate, which legislation was likewise referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; and

WHEREAS, both United States Senators representing the State of Texas, Senator Ted Cruz and Senator John Cornyn, presently serve as members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and are therefore uniquely positioned to advocate for prompt consideration of legislation of substantial importance to Texas shrimpers and Texas coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bay City believes that a strong domestic shrimping industry is important to the economic security, food supply, maritime heritage, and continued vitality of Bay City and other Gulf Coast communities and that federal policy should support, rather than disadvantage, American shrimpers competing in the domestic seafood market;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Bay City hereby declares its strong support for the Save Our Shrimpers Act, H.R. 2071 and S. 4863, and for the objective of requiring United States Executive Directors at international financial institutions to use the voice and vote of the United States to oppose financial assistance for projects supporting shrimp farming, shrimp processing, or the export of shrimp in borrowing countries, subject to the provisions of the legislation.

SECTION 2. The City Council respectfully urges the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to promptly consider and favorably report the Save Our Shrimpers Act and urges the United States Senate to take all necessary action to secure passage of the legislation during the 119th Congress.

SECTION 3. The City Council specifically calls upon United States Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn, as the senators representing the State of Texas and as members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, to continue advocating for prompt committee and Senate action on the Save Our Shrimpers Act and for the interests of Texas shrimpers and Gulf Coast communities.

SECTION 4. The City Council expresses its appreciation to the members of the United States House of Representatives who supported H.R. 2071 and to the sponsors and cosponsors of the House and Senate legislation for recognizing the serious economic challenges confronting the domestic shrimping industry.

SECTION 5. The City Council further expresses its continuing support for the men and women of the domestic shrimping and commercial fishing industries and recognizes their economic, cultural, and historical importance to the City of Bay City, the Texas Gulf Coast, and the United States.

SECTION 6. The Mayor, City Administrator, City Secretary, and other appropriate representatives of the City are authorized and encouraged to transmit copies of this Resolution to members of the United States Congress and other governmental officials and organizations whose assistance may advance the purposes expressed herein, including United States Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn; the Chair and Ranking Member of the United States Senate Committee on

Foreign Relations; the Chair and Ranking Member of the appropriate subcommittee having jurisdiction over international financial institutions; United States Representatives Michael Cloud and Troy E. Nehls; members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; members of the Texas Congressional Delegation representing Gulf Coast communities; United States Senators Mike Lee; the Chair of the Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, & International Economic, & Environmental Policy; and Tammy Duckworth; a ranking member of the Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, & International Economic, & Environmental Policy; and appropriate state, regional, and national organizations representing the commercial shrimping and seafood industries.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Bay City, Texas, on this 27 day of October ,2026.

Robert K. Nelson, Mayor
City of Bay City

ATTEST:

Jeanna Thompson, City Secretary
City of Bay City

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Anne Marie Odefey, City Attorney

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