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**HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REAPPOINTS
CLYDE FITZGERALD
TO PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY**

HOUSTON – Clyde Fitzgerald was reappointed to the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority today by Harris County Commissioners Court. Mr. Fitzgerald was originally appointed on June 25, 2013 by Commissioners Court. He chairs the Pension and Benefits Committee and serves on the Audit Committee and the Community Relations Committee.

“Clyde Fitzgerald is an excellent Commissioner who works for the best interest of the Port of Houston and the Port of Houston Authority,” stated Port Commission Chairman Janiece Longoria. “I am thrilled to have his continued leadership and support on the Commission.”

Mr. Fitzgerald, a veteran of the Houston waterfront and the International Longshoremen’s Association (ILA) for more than 50 years, joined his father on the wharves of the Houston Ship Channel in 1959. In 1969, the ILA Local 28 elected him president and he served in this capacity for 20 years.

In 1991, Mr. Fitzgerald was elected secretary-treasurer of the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District, ILA which stretches from North Carolina to Brownsville, Texas. In 2002, he was elected president of the District. Upon retirement in July 2015 from that position, Mr. Fitzgerald was elected president emeritus. Currently, he serves on the ILA’s Executive Council.

Mr. Fitzgerald and his wife Vickie have been married for more than 50 years and are the parents of three adult children and have six grandchildren.

Port Commissioners serve two-year terms without pay.

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