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PORT CORPUS CHRISTI AND PORT INDUSTRIES OF CORPUS CHRISTI FULFILL STATE SCHOOL RESIDENTS' CHRISTMAS WISHES

Corpus Christi, Texas (Dec. 2, 2009) – A ceremony complete with lighting of the Christmas tree, gifts, and holiday cheer will be held on Thursday, December 3, at 3:30 p.m. at the 8th Annual ***“LIGHTING OF THE ANGEL’S TREE”*** at the Corpus Christi State School. This special event is sponsored exclusively by the Port of Corpus Christi and the Port Industries of Corpus Christi (PICC). The ***“LIGHTING OF THE ANGEL’S TREE”*** ceremony will be held in the Pavilion on the campus of Corpus Christi State School located at 902 Airport Road.

Port and Port Industries representatives, will join Corpus Christi State School representatives on Thursday, Dec. 3th to officially launch the holiday season by lighting a 10-ft. Christmas tree. Port Corpus Christi presented the State School fifteen more trees to use and decorate all the dorms.

The ceremony and ***"LIGHTING OF THE ANGEL'S TREE"*** begins at 3:30 p.m. with an opening welcome and acknowledgement of special guests and port industry representatives. Reverend Tom Dowdy, chaplain at the Corpus Christi State School, will provide the opening invocation.

Employees from the Port and the Port Industries will fulfill Christmas for the residents at the State School by providing Christmas gifts to all State School residents. Member companies of Port Industries began gathering gifts for the State School in October. At their respective work sites, they set up "Angel Trees" that displayed angel tags containing wish lists from State School residents. Employees selected the angels and purchased the wished-for gifts.

Following the lighting of the tree and presentation of Christmas gifts to Corpus Christi State School residents, representatives from Port Industries companies will become judges and visit all trees decorated by each of the dorms part of the Christmas Tree Forest, a tree decorating contest for the residents. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony.

WHAT: PORT & PICC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH STATE SCHOOL RESIDENTS

WHERE: Corpus Christi STATE SCHOOL - 902 AIRPORT ROAD

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 3:30 p.m.