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CONGRESSMAN CHARLES BOUSTANY VISITS THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA

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On March 30, 2015, Congressman Charles Boustany, Jr. MD stopped by the Port of South Louisiana to meet with port and local officials, as well as industry leaders, to discuss how he can be of assistance to further secure funding for the district.

During a one-and-one meeting with Congressman Boustany, Executive Director Paul G. Aucoin presented an overview of the Port of South Louisiana and explained the Port of South Louisiana’s role in economic development of port infrastructure for the companies within its jurisdiction. Congressman Boustany was given a tour of the Port’s public terminal, Globalplex Intermodal Terminal, the Maritime Security Operations Center (MSOC), the recently-acquired St. John Airport, and a tour, by boat, of a section of the Port district. Later, Congressman Boustany and Aucoin visited with executives from Marathon Petroleum Corporation at their headquarters.

During the midday luncheon, Congressman Boustany discussed issues like transportation infrastructure, flood control, and trade, followed by a Q&A session. In attendance were Senators Troy Brown and Gary Smith, Representatives Gregory Miller and Randal Gaines, and St. Charles Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, St. John the Baptist Parish President Natalie Robottom, and St. James Parish President Timothy “Timmy” Roussel along with various resident industry representatives.

“As the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere, the top energy transfer point in the country, and the largest grain port in the United States, the Port of South Louisiana is not only a critical facility for Louisiana’s economy, it is critical for the health of the American economy as a whole,” said Congressman Boustany. “That’s why I fought to secure record funding for port maintenance and dredging last year, and why I championed legislation ensuring that number will continue to grow every year over the next decade. I thank the leadership of the Port for allowing me to visit and see for myself why it’s important to continue the fight to ensure our ports and harbors are able to operate at their highest potential. I look forward to working with the leadership to ensure the Port of South Louisiana continues to be a dominant force in American trade and commerce.”

Congressman Boustany was instrumental in securing legislative language in last year’s Water Resources Reform & Development Act that was passed into law which will ratchet up the amount of federal dollars being spent on port maintenance every year until 2025. Last year was a historically high allocation for port maintenance, and he is leading a letter with over 60 of his colleagues advocating for House appropriators to follow through on Congressman Boustany’s language and allocate the proper amount

of funding for port maintenance. The Port of South Louisiana is incredibly important for the state and he's continuing to fight to secure important funding for the Port.

"We were pleased to host Congressman Boustany's visit to the Port of South Louisiana," said Executive Director Paul Aucoin. "As a leading member of Congress supporting and promoting the dredging of the Mississippi River, he understands the important role ports play in economic development and job creation. Congressman Boustany also understands the importance of international trade agreements for enhancing Louisiana business exports. We look forward to his continued support."

About Congressman Charles W. Boustany, Jr., M.D.

Congressman Charles W. Boustany Jr., M.D., a cardiovascular surgeon with more than 30 years of clinical experience, was first elected to Congress in 2004. Boustany represents Louisiana's Third Congressional District, covering South Louisiana. Boustany has championed health care reform, international trade, tax reform, and sound energy policy focused on building a comprehensive vision providing solutions for all Americans. Serving as a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee and as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight from 2011-2014, Congressman Boustany played a pivotal role protecting taxpayer dollars by rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse in federal government programs including Medicare, Medicaid, and in entities such as the Internal Revenue Service. In November 2014, Congressman Boustany was the recipient of The World Trade Center of New Orleans' Eugene J. Schreiber Award, which pays tribute to an individual dedicated to the promotion of economic development through international trade and diplomacy. To learn more, visit www.boustany.house.gov

About the Port of South Louisiana

The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, encompasses St. Charles, St. John and St. James parishes. Its facilities consistently handle over a quarter billion short tons of cargo annually, ranking it the largest tonnage port district in the Western Hemisphere, the nation's greatest grain exporter, and the number one energy transfer port in the United States. Along the 108 miles of deep-water frontage on both banks of the river there are seven grain transfer facilities, four major oil processing plants, and 11 petrochemical manufacturing facilities for a total of more than 50 piers and docks owned and operated by an impressive group of resident tenants like ADM, ArcelorMittal, Dow, Cargill, DuPont, Motiva Enterprises, Marathon, Shell, and Nucor Steel. To learn more visit www.portsl.com and like us on [Facebook](#).



Port of South Louisiana Executive Director Paul Aucoin (R) as he gives Congressman Boustany an overview of the Port



From L-R: Dr. Neal Weaver (Vice President for University Advancement, Nicholls University), Congressman Charles Boustany, Dr. Bruce Murphy (President, Nicholls University), and Executive Director Paul Aucoin during the tour of Globalplex Intermodal Terminal's general cargo dock



From L-R: Louisiana Representative Gregory Miller, Louisiana Representative Randal Gaines, Louisiana Senator Troy Brown, St. John Parish President Natalie Robottom, U.S. Congressman Charles Boustany, Port of South Louisiana Executive Director Paul Aucoin, St. Charles Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, St. James Parish President Timmy Rousset, Louisiana Senator Gary Smith, and Port of South Louisiana Commission President Paul Robichaux
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