



STEVE PHELPS
Commissioner
Port of Houston Authority

Steve Phelps began his tenure as a port commissioner in 1997. Previously, he served as a Justice of the Peace in Harris County Precinct 8; he held that office for 13 years before accepting his appointment to the port commission. He represents the city of Pasadena on the port commission.

Phelps chairs the port commission's small business development committee and also serves on the cruise task force and pension committee. He chaired the cruise task force during the time when Norwegian Cruise Lines began courting the Port of Houston as a port of call. In November 2003, NCL launched the first of its new *Norwegian Sea* seven-day cruises from Barbours Cut Container Terminal.

Another initiative that Phelps helped to spearhead was the PHA's internship program. In the summer of 2004, 12 students interned at the PHA in most every division. The program was established for students who are permanent residents of Harris County and currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs at accredited colleges and universities. In its second year, another 12 students are interning at PHA.

Phelps' public service experience also includes working as an administrative aide to Harris County Commissioner Jim Fonteno. Phelps is an attorney and works with his family insurance and real estate business.

Phelps received a doctorate of jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law. He holds a bachelor of business administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

He has been awarded numerous academic and community honors and awards. Most recently, he was presented the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region Visionary Award. Other acknowledgments include, the Paul Harris Fellowship Space Center Rotary (1997), the Distinguished Alumni University of Houston-Clear Lake (1991); Pasadena Hall of Fame (1988); Who's Who in the South and Southwest (1987); Distinguished Alumni, San Jacinto College (1986);

Outstanding Young Men of America (1985); and the Pasadena Outstanding Young Man (1982).

Presently, Phelps serves on the Clear Creek Education Foundation Board. He volunteers his time as an auctioneer to many charitable events. He previously served as President, U of H-Clear Lake Alumni Association; Trustee, Edgar A. Smith YMCA; Vice President, South Houston Lions Club; Trustee, Bay Area Museum Board and Chairman, Pasadena Strawberry Festival.

He and his wife Jana have three children: Becky, Johnny and Bethany.