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16th Anniversary of Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway collapse

South Padre Island, TX, Sept. 13, 2017: The Cities of South Padre Island and Port Isabel will mark the 16th Anniversary of the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway collapse. The commemorative service is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. at Memorial Park, located at the median between the eastbound and westbound lanes on the South Padre Island end of the Causeway.

Eight lives were lost due to the collapse: Bob Harris, Hector Martinez, Jr., Barry and Chelsea Welch, all of Port Isabel, Julio Mireles of Los Fresnos, Robin Leavell of Mercedes, Stvan Francisco Rivas of Humble and Gaspar Hinojosa of Kingsville.

"We would like to remember and honor the victims," stated Susan Guthrie, city manager. "The community will never forget the impact left from this tragic event."

Each year, the two Cities alternate in honoring both the victims and the survivors of the collapse. The service will include an honor guard, invocation and speeches by representatives of both cities. The public is invited to attend the service.

For additional information please contact Anne Payne, parks and recreation manager, at 956-761-8168 or apayne@myspi.org.

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