

RESOLUTION

Supporting the application of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to pursue Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) designation for Texas as an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) test range.

WHEREAS the State of Texas and the City of Corpus Christi promotes economic development for the benefit and well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS the state's aviation industry is poised for rapid growth in the area of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS); and

WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced its intention to develop policies, rules and regulations for integrating UAS into the national airspace; and

WHEREAS the FAA, in furtherance of its goal, has announced it will designate six states as UAS test ranges for the purpose of developing technologies, policies and procedures that will safely integrate UAS into the national airspace; and

WHEREAS Texas' research capacities are wholly sufficient to provide technical development to meet FAA requirements; and

WHEREAS Corpus Christi's natural resources -- its airspace, its coastline and its uncluttered landscape -- lend themselves to meeting FAA requirements; and

WHEREAS Texas' industrial resources are poised to utilize UAS technologies and capacities, which will promote significant economic growth across the state;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the City of Corpus Christi express strong support for any and all efforts by state offices, agencies and institutions, especially the Office of the Governor, the Texas A&M University System, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, to pursue FAA designation for Texas as a UAS test range; and,

THEREFORE, be it further resolved, that the City of Corpus Christi commend these offices, agencies and institutions for their diligent effort and tireless support in securing such a designation by the FAA to promote economic growth for the State of Texas and Corpus Christi and the well-being of its citizens.

This resolution takes effect upon City Council approval on this the ____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Armando Chapa
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor

Corpus Christi, Texas

_____ of _____, 2013

The above resolution was passed by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez _____

Kelley Allen _____

Rudy Garza _____

Priscilla Leal _____

David Loeb _____

Chad Magill _____

Colleen McIntyre _____

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