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A 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 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the delegates assembled at this 2013 Annual Conference of the Texas Municipal League that the League offer support in securing such a designation by the FAA to promote economic growth for the State of Texas and the well-being of its citizens.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the membership of the Texas Municipal League this 11th day of October, 2013, at Austin, Texas.

APPROVED:

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