

**RESOLUTION 13-925**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COASTAL BARRIER TO PROTECT THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION, INCLUDING GALVESTON BAY, FROM HURRICANE STORM SURGES; DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO SEND A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO REAR ADMIRAL ROBERT SMITH III, USN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON; PHIL BEDIENT, RICE UNIVERSITY; SENATOR SD11, LARRY TAYLOR; COMMISSIONER JERRY PATTERSON, GENERAL LAND OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Taylor Lake Village is bordered by Mud lake to the west and Taylor Lake to the east, where both feed into Clear Lake and Galveston Bay and subsequently into the Gulf of Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2008, Hurricane Ike caused devastation and destruction across the Houston-Galveston region with massive flooding from storm surge waters, Galveston Island and the Bolivar Peninsula being the hardest hit areas; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a comprehensive system of barriers and gates along the Gulf coast would protect the economy, the environment, and, more importantly, the people in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Houston-Galveston region is home to a concentration of petrochemical plants along the Houston Ship Channel and the Port of Houston, one of the nation's busiest ports; and

**WHEREAS**, Professor Bill Merrell of Texas A & M University at Galveston has conceived the "Ike Dike Project" which is a proposal to create a "coastal spine" with a combination of barriers and gates extending along Galveston Island and the Bolivar Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS**, Rice University has conceived of the Centennial Gate Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Taylor Lake Village requests that Rice University and Texas A&M University combine their projects for the greater good of all in the Gulf Coast Area; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the Texas Governor's Commission on Recovery and Renewal reviewed the Ike Dike Project and recommended that a six county public corporation be established to explore viable options for storm surge protection of the Houston-Galveston region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf Coast Protecting and Recovery District formed by Governor Rick Perry is positioned to evolve the barrier protection concept through a 4 million dollar grant; and

**WHEREAS**, a system of barrier protection projects will reduce the risks to people and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, installation of a barrier protection will mitigate BW12 economic impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Taylor Lake Village desires to supports refining the "Ike Dike" concept in order to advance the feasibility for a coastal barrier to protect the Houston-Galveston region from hurricane storm surges.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR LAKE VILLAGE, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

**SECTION 2:** The City Council of Taylor Lake Village, Texas, hereby wholeheartedly supports and endorses efforts by Professor Bill Merrell of Texas A & M University at Galveston and the Texas Governor's Commission on Recovery and Renewal to refine to project grade, a coastal barrier to be completed for protection of the Houston-Galveston region from hurricane storm surges including Galveston Bay.

**SECTION 3:** The City Council of Taylor Lake Village, Texas, hereby pledges its support and encourages efforts to create a coastal barrier to protect flood prone coastal communities from hurricane storm surges.

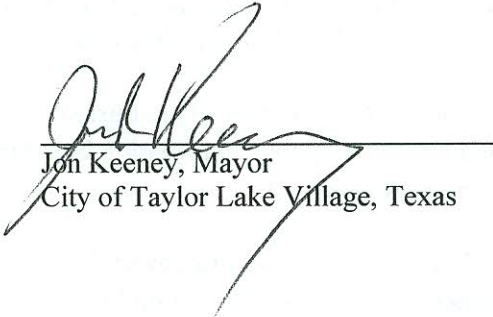
**SECTION 4:** The City Council of Taylor Lake Village, Texas, hereby directs the City Secretary to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Rear Admiral Robert Smith III, USN, President, Chief Executive Officer of Texas A & M University at Galveston and to Judge Mark Henry, Chair of Texas Governor's Commission on Recovery and Renewal; to Phil Bedient, Rice University.

**SECTION 5:** The City Council of Taylor Lake Village, Texas directs the City Secretary to send a certified copy of this resolution to Senate District 11 Senator Larry Taylor and Jerry Patterson, General Land Office urging legislation coordination for potential state funding.

**SECTION 6:** This Resolution shall be and become effective from and after its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 2nd day of October, 2013.**



  
Jon Keeney, Mayor  
City of Taylor Lake Village, Texas