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BAHEP to honor Mayor Sylvester Turner with Silver Anniversary Quasar Award

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership will honor Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner with its esteemed Quasar Award to be presented on the Silver Anniversary of this prestigious event, which will be held on Jan. 26, 2018, at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City, Texas.

The Quasar Award recognizes an outstanding elected official or business leader who, through his or her actions and leadership, has demonstrated a strong and continual effort to support the business foundations of the greater Bay Area Houston communities.

The recipient's actions must have gone above and beyond to promote the economic development of the region and the fulfillment of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's objectives to recruit, retain and expand primary jobs in the region.

The award is presented during the organization's formal Quasar Award banquet, which annually brings together nearly 700 individuals who celebrate and congratulate the honoree.

Turner lauded

Bob Mitchell, president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership,

stated, "Quite significantly, Mayor Turner has stepped forth to champion the coastal spine system to protect the region from hurricane storm surge. Additionally, his work to ensure a fiscally sound City of Houston will be a lasting testament to his outstanding leadership for decades to come. Mayor Turner's foresight has contributed immeasurably to the economic strength of Bay Area Houston."

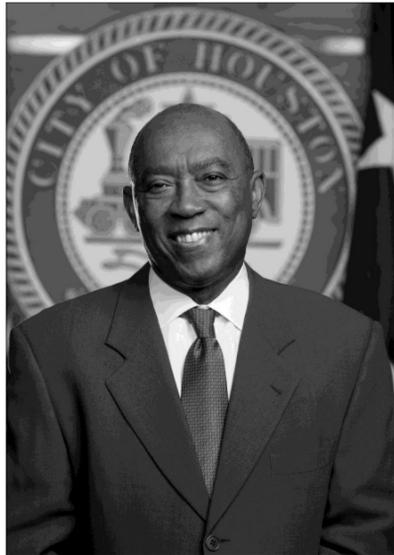
City of Houston Council Member Dave Martin, whose district includes Bay Area Houston, said, "Mayor Sylvester Turner has been and continues to be a strong proponent for Bay Area Houston."

"Spearheading the city's efforts to implement pension reform, addressing our mobility and infrastructure initiatives, and fostering a strong economic development agenda for the Bay Area region, are the cornerstones of Mayor Turner's first two years in office."

"With the mayor's strong endorsement of the coastal spine system, our Bay Area homes and business will be protected from future hurricane surge."

Decades of service

Elected in December 2015, Mayor Turner is serving his first four-year term as Houston's 62nd mayor. Since taking office, he elimi-



The Honorable Sylvester Turner
Mayor
City of Houston

nated a \$160 million budget shortfall in record time, led the city's remarkable rebound from Hurricane Harvey, expanded municipal investments in renewable energy, and led the winning bid to host the World Petroleum Congress in 2020.

As the head of the energy capital of the world and the most diverse city in the nation, Mayor Turner has brought a performance-driven approach to the job, creating more responsive, streamlined and efficient delivery of city services while shoring up Houston's financial future.

One of the mayor's signature initiatives is Complete Communities, which aims to improve the quality of life for residents in all neighborhoods. The mayor's other priorities include filling more than 90,000 potholes on city streets, implementing a six-point holistic plan for addressing homelessness, reducing flooding, and improving drainage.

Mayor Turner's civic leadership has been nationally recognized through his service as a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Transportation and Communications Standing Committee, vice chair of the National Climate Action Agenda, member of the C40 and Global Covenant for Mayors for Climate and Energy, and an advisory board member of the African American Mayors Association.

Prior to his election as mayor, Mayor Turner served for 27 years in the Texas House as the repre-

sentative for District 139. He worked on the House Appropriations Committee for 21 years and served as Speaker Pro Tem for three terms. He was appointed to several Budget Conference committees to help balance the state's budget and served on the Legislative Budget Board.

Mayor Turner is a lifelong resident of Houston and lives in the Acres Homes community where he grew up with eight siblings. He is a graduate of the University of Houston and earned a law degree from Harvard University. He began his law practice at Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. and later founded the Barnes & Turner Law Firm.

Previous Quasar Award honorees

Previous recipients of the Quasar Award are:

- 1994 Texas Governor Ann Richards
- 1995 U. S. Representative Tom DeLay
- 1996 U. S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
- 1997 U. S. Representative Nick Lampson
- 1998 NASA/JSC Director George W. S. Abbey
- 1999 Harris County Judge Robert Eckels & Galveston County Judge Jim Yarbrough
- 2000 Mr. Robert L. Moody, Sr.
- 2001 City of Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown

- 2002 Harris County Commissioner Jim Fonteno
- 2003 House Majority Leader Tom DeLay
- 2004 Harris County Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia
- 2005 President of UTMB-Galveston Dr. John Stobo
- 2006 City of Houston Mayor Bill White
- 2007 NASA Administrator Dr. Michael Griffin
- 2008 UHCL President Dr. William A. Staples
- 2009 Michael L. Coats, Director, NASA JSC
- 2010 Texas State Representative Craig Eiland
- 2011 U. S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
- 2012 U. S. Senator John Cornyn
- 2013 Fred Griffin, Founder and Chairman, Griffin Partners, Inc.
- 2014 Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor, University of Houston System, President, University of Houston
- 2015 Dr. Bill Merrell, George P. Mitchell '40 Chair in Marine Sciences, Texas A&M University at Galveston
- 2016 Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent, Clear Creek Independent School District
- 2017 Texas State Senator Larry Taylor

Craig Technologies and Galveston Bay Foundation add their expertise to membership base of Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership

Galveston Bay Foundation

Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and enhance Galveston Bay as a healthy and productive place for generations to come.

"Galveston Bay has a huge economic impact on the region, and it's crucial to maintain the health of this vital resource. Galveston Bay Foundation does a wonderful job of preservation and education, and we look forward to working together," stated BAHEP



GALVESTON BAY FOUNDATION

President Bob Mitchell. GBF President Bob Stokes said, "The importance of Galveston Bay is clear, as is our need to steward it well. From an economic development standpoint, BAHEP and Galveston Bay Foundation both work to address issues and concerns related to the region, and in turn, the Bay. Our shared interests make for a great partnership."

Approximately 4.75 million people reside in the five counties surrounding Galveston Bay, 20 percent of those within two miles of the Bay or its tributaries. These are the communities the foundation serves as it works to improve the health of the Bay through programs in land conservation, habitat restoration, water quality and quantity, environmental education, advocacy, and research.

Additionally, GBF regularly works with those representing industry, shipping, sport and commercial fishing, academia, government agencies, recreational users, environmental groups, development, and business interests.

In addition to Stokes, Scott Jones, Director of Advocacy, and Brandy Gates, Events Manager, will also represent GBF within BAHEP.

The Galveston Bay Foundation office is located at 1100 Hercules Avenue,

Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77058. For additional information, call 281.332.3381 or visit www.galvbay.org.

Craig Technologies

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Growing Craig Technologies from one person in 1999, Craig leads nationwide operations with over 350 associates in 20 states,

include end to end product design, information technology/cyber security, training, engineering and manufacturing capabilities with a strong emphasis on manned and unmanned space flight support. Its success is well grounded in its expertise, and we gladly welcome Craig as a member of BAHEP."

Bill Corley, director, Houston Operations, represents the company within BAHEP. Corley said, "Carol Craig considers all customers as family. She believes that treating each other as one would a close relative is what guides our company and distinguishes us from our competition.



headquarters in Cape Canaveral, Fla., and regional offices in other locations. Craig Technologies (Craig) delivers award-winning engineering and technical solutions to both government and commercial customers.

Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership President Bob Mitchell stated, "Craig's diverse services

Family is what ensures we always value the opinions, ideas and unique talents of our coworkers and clients. No matter our location in the country, we take our core company values very seriously. We look forward to learning about and working with our fellow members at BAHEP."

Craig's primary clients include NASA, Air Force,

Army and Navy and other major Federal agencies. The company's Houston regional office is located at 16850 Saturn Lane, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77058.

To learn more, email wiliam.corley@craigtechinc.com or call 713.734.0524. Additional information about Craig can be found at www.craigtechinc.com.

Seven of BAHEP's lead members have entered retirement mode

In the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership 2017 Annual Report that will be available in January 2018, Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president, wrote, "It is often said that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, and this especially applies to membership in a non-profit organization like BAHEP. Our members may not fully realize just how vital each one of them is to the work that we do."

"Every day we leverage the strength of our members in order to meet the goals that we established for ourselves in our newest five-year strategic plan.

"It takes all of our members, not just one or two, to make BAHEP the respected, dynamic organization that it has become over the past four decades."

In 2017, seven of BAHEP's lead members retired. They undoubtedly left big shoes to fill within their organizations. Each one of them has also left a void at BAHEP. Eventually, that void will not be felt so strongly, but that eventuality has not yet arrived at BAHEP's front doors.

The BAHEP lead mem-

bers who have retired are:

- Dr. William A. "Bill" Staples, University of Houston-Clear Lake
- Dr. Wm. Theodore "Ted" Cummings, University of Houston-Clear Lake
- Dr. Zbigniew J. Czajkiewicz, University of Houston-Clear Lake
- John Cook, CenterPoint
- Trish Hanks, Friendswood Independent School District
- Bernie Roan, NASA Legal
- Richard "Rich" Jackson, Lockheed Martin/Leidos

These individuals have volunteered innumerable hours of their time and considerable talent to BAHEP's working committees, served on the BAHEP board, or contributed their invaluable expertise in some other capacity that has enriched the BAHEP organization and, in turn, the Bay Area Houston region.

A heartfelt "thank you" does not seem to be nearly enough for all that they have contributed. Their work has become part of the fabric that binds BAHEP together, and it will be long remembered.

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