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President Bush and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson to kickoff Bolivar Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup April 25

AUSTIN — The Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach Program, Bush Clinton Coastal Recovery Fund and the Points of Light Institute have joined forces to bring national attention to the Bolivar Peninsula.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is honored to announce that former President George H. Bush will join volunteers with the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup on the Bolivar Peninsula Saturday, April 25, for the first joint effort of these three community-based organizations.

"It is vital we continue to focus attention on the Bolivar Peninsula, which is still struggling more than six months after Ike," Patterson said. "This effort will draw national attention to Bolivar and bring many hands to help. We expect more than 1,000 volunteers."

The 23rd annual Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup will take place at 27 sites along the Texas coast. The all-volunteer event is coordinated through the Adopt-A-Beach Program of the Texas General Land Office.

President Bush and Commissioner Patterson will work with volunteers in Bolivar, a community still struggling to rebuild after sustaining a devastating blow from Hurricane Ike nearly six months ago.

More details will follow about this historic partnership of the Bush Clinton Coastal Recovery Fund and the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup as they develop.

Registration for the cleanup begins at 8:30 a.m. on April 25 and will be at the Chamber of Commerce, 1760 Highway 87 on Crystal Beach, about 11 miles from the ferry landing.

The clean-up itself will last from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information about how you can get involved, call 1-877-TXCOAST or visit our Web site at <u>www.texasadoptabeach.org</u>.

Those who want to help Bolivar but cannot participate in the cleanup may make a donation on-line to the Bush Clinton Coastal Fund by visiting their website at BushClintonCoastalFund.org.

WHO: President George H. Bush and Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson
WHAT: Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup
WHEN: 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday April 25
WHERE: Bolivar Chamber of Commerce, 1760 Highway 87 on Crystal Beach, about 11 miles from the ferry landing.