SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 519

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Huntsville Municipal Airport, which recently received the 2023 Texas Aviation Conference award for Project of the Year in the local and basic airport category; and

WHEREAS, Huntsville Municipal Airport is a single-runway general aviation airport that operates more than 25,000 flights per year with a focus on business and corporate aviation service; the airport, with the Texas Department of Transportation, the City of Huntsville, and other entities, undertook a major project to improve the airport's safety and to update its facilities to meet evolving Federal Aviation Administration safety standards; and

WHEREAS, The airport's 5,000-foot runway has been successfully supported by a parallel taxiway and its four connectors, which link the runway to other areas of the airport; however, the proximity of the taxiway and runway became a concern as FAA safety requirements were revised, and it became necessary to relocate the taxiway farther from the runway; and

WHEREAS, The construction project was planned as three phases to minimize its impact on the airport tenants; during the first two phases, the northern and southern thirds of the taxiway were relocated; the third phase involved the relocation of the middle third of the taxiway and the relocation of the airport's Automated Weather Observation System; and

WHEREAS, The success of this project was achieved through the collaborative efforts and coordination of the project's consultant, the airport, and the City of Huntsville and with the continued support of Entergy electric utility, the Texas Department of Transportation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Weather Service, and the Federal Aviation Administration; the outstanding efforts of the project's contributors have been instrumental in accomplishing the project's objectives, and its realization will continue to benefit the region and the people of Texas for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby recognize Huntsville Municipal Airport on its receipt of the 2023 Texas Aviation Conference award for Project of the Year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the airport as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Schwertner

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate