

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, 2003 marks the 100th anniversary of powered, manned
2 flight, and the aerospace enterprise has played a significant role
3 in the emergence of modern-day Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Aviation has long benefited two of the state's
5 preeminent industries--agriculture, through such activities as
6 aerial seeding, fertilizing, and crop dusting, and oil, through
7 aerial surveying, convenient travel between scattered drilling
8 sites, and the ferrying of cargo and crews to offshore rigs; a
9 mainstay of business, general aviation has also facilitated the
10 conduct of fire fighting and law enforcement and the transport of
11 critically ill and injured individuals to hospitals; and

12 WHEREAS, Texas received its first commercial air service in
13 1925, and the rapid development of the commercial airline industry
14 proved enormously beneficial to both business and the general
15 public; by 1999, Texas commercial airports served more than 66.3
16 million passengers, and ease of travel had encouraged a number of
17 international firms to make Texas the site of their headquarters or
18 other important operations; and

19 WHEREAS, Military aviation, too, has figured prominently in
20 the annals of the state; during World Wars I and II, Texas became
21 host to numerous flight training fields, owing to its favorable
22 climate and level plains, and the state continued to serve as the
23 site of major air bases during the ensuing Cold War; since the
24 1940s, Texas has also been home to major aircraft manufacturing

1 plants; and

2 WHEREAS, Just 53 years after Houston witnessed the state's
3 first airplane flight, on February 18, 1910, the city welcomed the
4 opening of the nation's Manned Spacecraft Center in September 1963;
5 now known as the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, this facility
6 currently has responsibility for the space shuttle program and the
7 country's participation in the international space station; with
8 more than 16,000 workers, the Johnson Space Center injects \$4
9 billion annually into the local economy; and

10 WHEREAS, Supporting aviation in Texas is an extensive
11 infrastructure, ranging from airports and landing strips to
12 manufacturers, service providers, university research, and
13 governmental assistance; the Aviation Division of the Texas
14 Department of Transportation, established in 1945 as the Texas
15 Aeronautics Commission, plays a key role in dispensing federal and
16 state funds for the improvement of facilities and in attracting new
17 aerospace business and industry to the state; and

18 WHEREAS, Aviation touches the lives of Texans in myriad ways
19 and constitutes a vital and expanding segment of the Texas economy;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize January 13-26, 2003, as the Centennial
23 of Flight Celebration in the State of Texas and encourage all Texans
24 to participate in the festivities and to support the aerospace
25 enterprise in the Lone Star State.

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Allen	Goodman	Miller
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Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Brazos	Hardcastle	Olivo
Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Rangel
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Christian	Hope	Reyna
Coleman	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rodriguez
Corte	Hunter	Rose
Crabb	Hupp	Seaman
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Delisi	Keel	Solomons
Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Driver	King	Talton
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Dunnam	Krusee	Telford
Dutton	Kuempel	Thompson
Edwards	Laney	Truitt
Eiland	Laubenberg	Turner
Eissler	Lewis	Uresti
Elkins	Luna	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Mabry	Villarreal
Farabee	Madden	West
Farrar	Marchant	Wilson
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wise
Flynn	McCall	Wohlgemuth
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H.R. No. 15

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 15 was adopted by the House on January 15, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House