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S.C.R. No. 4

1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
3 join citizens across the state in celebrating the Centennial of
4 Flight in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, As part of the Centennial of Flight Celebration,
6 aviation and space history exhibits will be on display at the Texas
7 State Capitol; and

8 WHEREAS, Wilbur and Orville Wright built the first powered,
9 manned aircraft near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and flew it on the
10 morning of December 17, 1903; as the result of their tenacity,
11 creativity, and courage, a new industry was born, and a new way of
12 life followed; and

13 WHEREAS, The airplane dramatically changed not only
14 transportation but also commerce, communication, and warfare
15 throughout the world; in Texas, with its area of 267,000 square
16 miles and its borders that are 800 miles apart, aviation is an
17 important part of life and industry; and

18 WHEREAS, The evolution of rocketry and the deployment of
19 long-range ballistic missiles in the 1950s ushered in the
20 development of space shuttles, lunar landings, and the
21 international space station; and

22 WHEREAS, As the race for space exploration escalated in the
23 1960s, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration expanded
24 to include the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, which

1 employs over 16,000 aerospace workers; and

2 WHEREAS, The space and aviation industry is a unique,
3 specialized, and highly technical industry that is of vital
4 importance to the state's economy, image, and future advancement,
5 and it is appropriate to commemorate the legacy of the Wright
6 brothers and to encourage a new generation of inventors,
7 innovators, and dreamers; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby recognize the Texas Centennial of Flight Celebration, which
10 is being held from January 13 through January 26, 2003, and the many
11 contributions the aviation and aerospace industry has made to this
12 great state; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared in honor
14 of the Centennial of Flight Celebration.