

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 301

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Stinson Municipal Airport of San Antonio for being selected to receive the 2003 Reliever Airport of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, The airport has an extensive history in San Antonio; founded in the early 1900s, it is the nation's second-oldest continuously operating general aviation airport; and

WHEREAS, It is named for a family of early aviation pioneers, the Stinsons, who began the business and focused international attention on San Antonio, contributing significantly to its development as a center of aviation; and

WHEREAS, When the Stinson family left San Antonio, Stinson Field became the municipal airport, providing passenger and mail service until World War II, during which the Army Air Corps operated the facility as an air training depot; after the war the city once again took over operations of the airport; and

WHEREAS, On the brink of major expansions, including the complete restoration of two hangars and the construction of a new office, classroom, and administration building, the airport continues to accommodate the ongoing growth of its operations and has well-developed plans that provide long-term options for future growth; and

WHEREAS, With two flight schools, an air cargo operator, an aviation museum, and three fixed base operators, Stinson Municipal Airport remains a great airport for both seasoned aviators and student pilots; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Stinson Municipal Airport for receiving the 2003 Reliever Airport of the Year Award; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 5, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate