

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 910

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the fifth-grade class of Dawson Elementary School in Wharton for winning the Captain's Award in the "What's Your Destination?" Southwest Airlines Adopt-A-Pilot 2003 National Video Contest; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, the Adopt-A-Pilot Program was inaugurated in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the United States Department of Education's "America Goes Back to School" effort; the purpose of the program is to communicate to students the importance of education in reaching personal goals; and

WHEREAS, Fifth-grade classes in each of Southwest Airlines' destination cities adopt their own Southwest Airlines pilot for a four-week educational and mentorship program; the Dawson Elementary School students adopted Southwest Airlines First Officer Paul Britton; and

WHEREAS, The program was developed in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institute's National Air and Space Museum, the National Association of Teachers of Math, and professional education consultants; the curriculum covers geography, mathematics, science, civics, history, aviation, creative writing, computer technologies, and research skills; students carry out research on geographical and historical information about cities where their pilots fly; and

WHEREAS, For winning the "What's My Destination?" 2003 National Video Contest, Dawson Elementary School fifth graders and their teacher, Janice Harris, have been awarded a daylong

educational field trip from Houston Hobby Airport to San Antonio to visit the Institute of Texas Cultures, enjoy lunch on the river, and take a behind-the-scenes tour of Sea World; and

WHEREAS, Through their diligent work and exceptional research, the fifth graders of Dawson Elementary School have brought great credit to themselves, their school, and their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the fifth-grade class of Dawson Elementary School for winning the "What's My Destination?" prize from the Adopt-A-Pilot Program and extend best wishes to the students for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the students 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 May 19, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate