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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sugar Land Regional Airport has been named the 2007  
2 Reliever Airport of the Year by the Aviation Division of the Texas  
3 Department of Transportation; and

4 WHEREAS, The fourth largest airport in the Houston area,  
5 Sugar Land Regional Airport was chosen as the 2007 winner from among  
6 300 eligible Texas airports; the staff of the Aviation Division  
7 made their decision based on a number of criteria, including  
8 management, promotion, customer service, and community relations;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, A key element in the success of Sugar Land Regional  
11 Airport is its extensive investment in new facilities, which has  
12 allowed it to enhance its services; a new 20,000-square-foot  
13 corporate aviation terminal opened in 2006, and other improvements  
14 include the addition of an 85-foot air traffic control tower in 2001  
15 and a 60-acre T-hangar complex that is under construction and  
16 scheduled to open in 2008; and

17 WHEREAS, These improvements are part of a visionary plan that  
18 has transformed Sugar Land Regional into a corporate airport in  
19 addition to being a center for general aviation; the new terminal is  
20 tailored to business travelers, and the addition of U.S. Customs  
21 services and a special taxiway and hangars to serve these customers  
22 has helped establish Sugar Land Regional Airport as one of  
23 Houston's leading locations for private business-related air  
24 travel; more than 100 Fortune 500 companies use its facilities each

1 year; and

2 WHEREAS, Continual improvement has been part of the airport's  
3 story since the beginning; initially a grass landing strip that  
4 opened in the 1950s, it expanded in the following decades, and in  
5 1985 it constructed its lengthy 8,000-foot runway that now  
6 accommodates the largest corporate jets; purchased by the City of  
7 Sugar Land in 1988, it was named Outstanding Airport of the Year by  
8 the Southwest Region of the Federal Aviation Administration in  
9 1995; and

10 WHEREAS, The facility's recent development has been ably  
11 supervised by aviation director Phillip Savko, who has made Sugar  
12 Land Regional Airport into a model of efficiency; the significant  
13 recognition it is now receiving from the Texas Department of  
14 Transportation is a fitting acknowledgement of its achievements and  
15 its promising future; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Sugar Land Regional Airport on  
18 being named the 2007 Reliever Airport of the Year and extend to the  
19 airport's management and staff best wishes for continued success;  
20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for the airport as an expression of high regard by the  
23 Texas House of Representatives.