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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines has provided service at Midland  
2 International Airport for 30 years, and on May 16, 2007, employees  
3 and supporters are gathering to commemorate this significant  
4 milestone; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded by Rollin King and Herb Kelleher, Southwest  
6 Airlines began in 1971 as a regional airline serving the three  
7 largest cities in Texas: Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio; six  
8 years and five million passengers later, it was on its way to  
9 covering every area of the state with routes to Austin, Corpus  
10 Christi, El Paso, Lubbock, and Midland/Odessa, which was the  
11 airline's seventh added destination; and

12 WHEREAS, In the three decades since then, the Midland  
13 International Airport has expanded to include three Southwest gates  
14 that operate 13 daily nonstop flights to six cities and direct or  
15 connecting service to another 41 locations; moreover, Southwest  
16 employs more than 50 people on its Midland ground staff; and

17 WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines has vitally contributed to the  
18 economic prosperity of Midland/Odessa and the Lone Star State,  
19 while providing exceptional service to residents throughout the  
20 United States, and it is a source of great pride to this region and  
21 state; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Southwest Airlines on its 30th  
24 anniversary of service at Midland International Airport and extend

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1 sincere best wishes for continued success to the many individuals  
2 associated with this outstanding operation; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Southwest Airlines as an expression of high regard by  
5 the Texas House of Representatives.