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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly 60 years, Leland Snow of Olney has been a
2 state and national leader in the aviation industry; and

3 WHEREAS, Known as the father of modern crop-dusting aircraft,
4 Mr. Snow designed his first agricultural airplane, the S-1, in 1951
5 and completed test flights on the aircraft two years later; he used
6 this pioneering plane to fly dusting and spraying flights in the Rio
7 Grande Valley and in Nicaragua until 1957; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1958, Mr. Snow opened his own aircraft production
9 facility in Olney, where he began to manufacture the S-2A and S-2B
10 aircraft; he sold his company in 1965 and became vice president of
11 the Aero Commander division of Rockwell-Standard, the firm that
12 acquired his facility; in that capacity, he helped develop the
13 Thrush aircraft; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Snow left Rockwell in 1972 to design a new
15 airplane, the Air Tractor, and by 1975, after two years of test
16 flights, the Air Tractor Company had opened a new factory in Olney
17 and delivered 20 airplanes; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, Mr. Snow's company has manufactured more than
19 2,000 Air Tractors and delivered them to such far-flung locations
20 as South America, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, and
21 South Korea; the company's planes are used for crop dusting,
22 eradicating narcotic crops, fighting fires, hauling fuel, and
23 cleaning up oil spills in coastal waters; and

24 WHEREAS, Leland Snow has been at the forefront of the

1 aviation industry for more than half a century; the aircraft he has
2 designed have been a major asset for agriculture-related businesses
3 and other users, and his company has contributed greatly to the
4 economic prosperity of his community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Leland Snow for his pioneering career in
7 agricultural aviation and extend to him sincere best wishes for
8 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. Snow as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.