

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 730**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Hondo Municipal Airport, which has been selected to receive the 2009 Airport of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS,** The airport has been selected by the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation and will receive the award at a banquet on May 12; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the last five years, the airport has been under development, and in the last year, two Texas Department of Transportation grants funded an airport terminal building and a fuel facility; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the leadership of city manager Robert Herrera, the City of Hondo has developed a 1,400-acre industrial park at the airport, including a rail spur to connect the airport to the Union Pacific Railroad; it is the only general aviation airport that has a rail line transfer business at the airport where the city has retained the option of purchasing the spur; and

**WHEREAS,** The city also encouraged Patrick and Michael Corrigan to locate their aircraft interior shop at the airport, creating a partnership that evolved into Corrigan Air Center; in the fall of 2008, the airport brought Air Evac Lifeteam to the field, which provides emergency medical services to the region; and

**WHEREAS,** The city has entered into a long-term lease with Wright Flyers to develop Hondo International Flight Training Academy; Wright Flyers is a certified pilot training school for recreational as well as commercial pilots; and

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**WHEREAS**, Tim Fousse, the airport manager, and Robert Herrera have worked closely together to achieve all the airport upgrades, and the result is a full-service airport with improvements rarely found in cities the size of Hondo; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend all who participated in the development and improvement of the Hondo Municipal Airport and extend congratulations to them on the airport's selection as the 2009 Airport of the Year; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Hondo Municipal Airport.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate