

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Wood County Airport in Quitman has been named  
2 the 2010 General Aviation Airport of the Year by the Texas  
3 Department of Transportation aviation division; and

4           WHEREAS, This well-deserved accolade recognizes the pivotal  
5 changes that have taken place at the airport in recent years through  
6 the vision and dedication of airport manager Wayne Collins and the  
7 pilot he has trained to succeed him, Dr. John Wisdom; as a result of  
8 their astute leadership, the airport has undergone a significant  
9 runway expansion, the installation of a 24-hour fueling station and  
10 new hangars, the construction of a taxiway, upgrades to lighting  
11 systems, and the development of a new terminal that offers  
12 state-of-the-art conference facilities; in addition, the Wood  
13 County Airport has worked closely with TxDOT, the Tyler District  
14 Maintenance Office, and the Mineola Area Maintenance Office to  
15 institute maintenance and improvement initiatives, and through the  
16 TxDOT RAMP program, it has established a cost-efficient vegetation  
17 management program; moreover, the airport's many positive  
18 attributes earned it selection as a site for a submarine detection  
19 research project conducted by the United States Navy; and

20           WHEREAS, With some 700 flights each year, the Wood County  
21 Airport has an annual economic impact of approximately \$850,000,  
22 and it is expected to continue growing in the years ahead; the  
23 facility also serves as a transportation hub for tourists who come  
24 from all over the world to fish in Lake Fork, known to many as the

1 "Best Bass Lake in the United States"; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Collins and Dr. Wisdom have further sought to  
3 increase the airport's profile in the region by offering aircraft  
4 mechanic services and flying lessons and by hosting fly-ins and  
5 community appreciation days; and

6 WHEREAS, Through a combination of hard work and innovative  
7 thinking, the staff of the Wood County Airport has enabled the  
8 facility to become a vital asset that is helping to drive economic  
9 growth in the area to the benefit of all; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor the Wood County  
12 Airport on its designation as the 2010 General Aviation Airport of  
13 the Year by the Texas Department of Transportation aviation  
14 division and commend Wayne Collins, John Wisdom, and all who have  
15 contributed to the success of the facility for a job well done; and,  
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for the Wood County Airport as an expression of high regard  
19 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 288

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 288 was adopted by the House on June 29, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House