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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.