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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The main terminal building at Scholes International
2 Airport at Galveston, severely damaged in 2008 by Hurricane Ike, is
3 reopening on April 7, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Originally erected in 1950, the Scholes
5 International Airport main terminal was a state-of-the-art
6 structure; however, in September 2008, Hurricane Ike brought with
7 it a storm surge that filled the first floor of the building with
8 nine feet of water, destroying windows, doors, and furniture and
9 ruining the facility's heating, ventilation, air-conditioning,
10 communications, and electrical systems; and

11 WHEREAS, A temporary terminal was utilized while officials
12 made plans to rebuild; the airport, in cooperation with the
13 aviation division of the Texas Department of Transportation and
14 with the input of community leaders, ultimately chose an area
15 contractor, Sullivan Land Services, to complete the restoration of
16 the terminal to its 1950s glory; and

17 WHEREAS, Emphasizing the local environment in its design, the
18 restored terminal features updated and more energy-efficient
19 heating and cooling systems as well as improved accessibility; it
20 has been outfitted to survive another hurricane through the
21 installation of impact-resistant windows and the housing of
22 critical electrical systems on the second floor; new landscaping
23 includes palm trees and other flora to greet visitors with a visual
24 reminder of Galveston Island's tropical climate; and

1 WHEREAS, Often the first glimpse of Galveston for many
2 traveling to the Lone Star State, the main terminal at Scholes
3 International Airport has a long history of welcoming individuals
4 to Texas, and its restoration will enable that tradition to
5 continue for years to come; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the reopening of the main terminal
8 building at Scholes International Airport at Galveston and commend
9 all those who contributed to the restoration of this important
10 community landmark; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Scholes International Airport as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.