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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Arlington Municipal Airport has been named the 2011
2 Reliever Airport of the Year by the Aviation Division of the Texas
3 Department of Transportation; and

4 WHEREAS, Reliever airports are designated by the Federal
5 Aviation Administration to reduce congestion at larger commercial
6 airports and to provide community access to general aviation; each
7 year, TxDOT's Aviation Division honors a Texas reliever airport for
8 supporting local economic development, as well as community events
9 and activities, and for improving and expanding its aviation
10 facilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Operating 24 hours a day, Arlington Municipal
12 Airport provides a secure and reliable destination for corporate
13 and private aviation in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; the airport
14 employs nearly 800 full-time staffers with a \$30.1 million payroll
15 and generates \$93.3 million in revenue from general aviation users
16 and on-site spending; it is also home to 22 businesses; and

17 WHEREAS, The airport has recently opened a new terminal
18 building, and in partnership with TxDOT, it has initiated
19 construction projects to enhance the facility's lighting, approach
20 aids, and air traffic control tower radar; and

21 WHEREAS, In recent years, the airport's jet operations have
22 grown by 40 percent annually, thanks in part to the new Dallas
23 Cowboys stadium, and the facility has also experienced increases in
24 cargo and charter operations; the airport has hosted visitors for

1 25 major events in the past year, including the Major League
2 Baseball championships, the Cotton Bowl, the World Series, and
3 Super Bowl XLV; and

4 WHEREAS, Four days before the 2011 Super Bowl, air traffic in
5 North Texas was virtually shut down by an ice storm, but because of
6 15 months of careful planning and then around-the-clock efforts by
7 the airport's staff, Arlington Municipal Airport reopened within 24
8 hours and stayed open, despite continuing bad weather; and

9 WHEREAS, The airport's ability to meet such challenges, its
10 high standard of service, its potential for expansion and growth,
11 and its many contributions to the local economy make Arlington
12 Municipal Airport a truly fitting choice for this prestigious
13 award; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Arlington Municipal Airport on
16 being named the 2011 Reliever Airport of the Year by the Texas
17 Department of Transportation Aviation Division and extend to the
18 airport's management and staff sincere best wishes for continued
19 success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Arlington Municipal Airport as an expression of high
22 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.