

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 680

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Terrell, visiting dignitaries from Great Britain and Canada, and Texans across the state in celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Lend-Lease Act and the founding of the Number One British Flying Training School in Terrell; and

WHEREAS, The Lend-Lease Act was passed in early 1941 prior to the United States' entry into World War II as a means for America to aid its allies in the struggle against Nazism; and

WHEREAS, A section of this landmark legislation allowed British Royal Air Force cadets to be trained in the United States by civilian instructors; the first and largest of these facilities, the Number One British Flying Training School, was established in Terrell; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of the war, more than 2,000 cadets were trained in Terrell, where the hospitality of local citizens served to create and perpetuate bonds of friendship that continue to this day; and

WHEREAS, To observe this historic anniversary, the Number One British Flying Training School Museum in Terrell is hosting a celebration of this little-known facet of the history of British-American friendship and cooperation on April 7, 2011; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby welcome the British and Canadian Consuls General to our state and extend best wishes for a memorable 70th anniversary celebration of the Lend-Lease Act and the founding of the Number One British Flying Training School in Terrell; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the participants in this event as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 31, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate