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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Air Tractor, Inc., of Olney is celebrating the  
2 delivery of its 3,000th Air Tractor agricultural aircraft on August  
3 7, 2013, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to  
4 celebrate the history and achievements of this innovative company  
5 and its signature product; and

6           WHEREAS, Air Tractor founder Leland Snow began designing his  
7 first crop-duster airplane at the age of 21, the year before his  
8 1952 graduation from Texas A&M University; he went on to found the  
9 Snow Aeronautical Company, which in 1965 was sold to  
10 Rockwell-Standard; Mr. Snow served as a vice president with the  
11 latter firm until starting Air Tractor, Inc., in 1972; and

12           WHEREAS, The firm's first model was the AT-301 crop duster,  
13 and over the years that plane and subsequent designs have made Air  
14 Tractor one of the top agricultural aircraft brands in the world;  
15 the company's planes have also been adapted for use in firefighting  
16 and the eradication of narcotic crops and have served as light  
17 gunships in military applications; through the years, Air Tractors  
18 have been flown by appreciative pilots in Canada, Mexico, Central  
19 and South America, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Spain,  
20 Eastern Europe, Saudi Arabia, and South Korea; and

21           WHEREAS, The company shipped its 1,100th Air Tractor in 1993  
22 and its 2,000th aircraft in 2004; since its first test flight in  
23 1990, the company's latest model, the AT-802, has been delivered to  
24 500 satisfied customers, and in 2013 the company is celebrating the

1 shipment of its 3,000th aircraft; and

2           WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Air Tractor, Inc., has  
3 been a leading producer of safe, reliable, and effective  
4 agricultural aircraft, and this Texas-based enterprise is indeed  
5 deserving of recognition as it marks this impressive production  
6 milestone; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Air Tractor,  
9 Inc., of Olney on the shipment of its 3,000th aircraft and extend to  
10 the company's officers and employees sincere best wishes for  
11 continued success; and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Air Tractor, Inc., as an expression of high regard by  
14 the Texas House of Representatives.