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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration has announced  
2 its intention to designate six test sites for unmanned aircraft  
3 systems (UAS), and the Texas aviation industry stands to benefit  
4 greatly if the state is selected for such a site; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has allocated \$1 billion  
6 for UAS pilot sites, where the FAA will test procedures to integrate  
7 drones into the National Air Space; each of the sites is also  
8 expected to become a hub for UAS research and manufacturing, with  
9 orders projected to total \$94 billion over the next decade; the  
10 Pentagon alone has budgeted almost \$37 billion to buy 730 medium and  
11 large drones by 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, The Texas aviation industry enjoys numerous  
13 advantages, including advanced research capacity and industrial  
14 resources that are poised to utilize UAS technologies; moreover,  
15 the state's geography, featuring vast airspace, a long coastline,  
16 and ample uncluttered landscapes, is exceptionally well suited to  
17 the requirements of the FAA program; and

18 WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration's UAS testing  
19 program holds tremendous potential for economic development, and  
20 Texas should vigorously promote its outstanding qualifications to  
21 serve as a UAS test site; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
23 Legislature hereby express its strong support for a Federal  
24 Aviation Administration unmanned aircraft systems test site in

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1 Texas and urge the office of the governor, The Texas A&M University  
2 System, Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, the Texas  
3 Engineering Experiment Station, and other state offices, agencies,  
4 and institutions to join in the effort to pursue this FAA  
5 designation; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That the chief clerk forward official copies of  
7 this resolution to the governor, to the chancellor of The Texas A&M  
8 University System, to the president of Texas A&M University--Corpus  
9 Christi, and to the director of the Texas Engineering Experiment  
10 Station.