

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For nearly three quarters of a century, Naval Air  
2 Station Corpus Christi has contributed greatly to the strength of  
3 the U.S. armed forces through its mission to train our nation's  
4 naval aviators; and

5           WHEREAS, In 1938, the U.S. Congress initiated a process to  
6 create a training facility on Corpus Christi Bay, and on March 12,  
7 1941, NAS Corpus Christi was commissioned by its first skipper,  
8 Captain Alva Berhard; the first training flight took place in May of  
9 that year; and

10           WHEREAS, By the end of 1941, 300 cadets a month were being  
11 trained, and that training rate doubled after the attack on Pearl  
12 Harbor; future president George H. W. Bush graduated in the third  
13 training class in 1943, and by the end of the war, more than 35,000  
14 naval aviators had earned their wings at NAS Corpus Christi, making  
15 it the largest pilot training facility in the world at the time; and

16           WHEREAS, Today, the Chief of Naval Air Training, responsible  
17 for five air training wings from Texas to Florida, is headquartered  
18 at the station, and flight training remains its primary mission;  
19 the four squadrons of Training Air Wing Four instruct 600 new  
20 aviators a year on the T-34C Mentor trainer and other aircraft  
21 during a course that lasts 18 months; and

22           WHEREAS, NAS Corpus Christi is also home to the Corpus  
23 Christi Army Depot, the army's largest helicopter overhaul and  
24 maintenance center, as well as facilities of the U.S. Coast Guard,

1 the U.S. Marine Aviation Training Support Group, and the U.S.  
2 Customs and Border Protection Service, among others; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout its long and proud history, NAS Corpus  
4 Christi has been one of the cornerstones of our nation's defense,  
5 providing countless naval aviators with the skills they need to  
6 defend our liberty; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2015, as Naval Air  
9 Station Corpus Christi Day at the State Capitol and extend to the  
10 brave men and women of the station sincere best wishes for continued  
11 success in their important work; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 644

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 644 was adopted by the House on February 25, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House