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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Scott Smith, the director of Lone Star Executive
2 Airport in Conroe, has been named the 2015 Reliever Airport Manager
3 of the Year by the aviation division of the Texas Department of
4 Transportation; and

5 WHEREAS, Lone Star Executive Airport has been designated by
6 the Federal Aviation Administration as a reliever airport for
7 George Bush Intercontinental Airport, and it is responsible for
8 more than 360 jobs and 21,000 visitors each year, contributing an
9 estimated \$33 million to the local economy; and

10 WHEREAS, Since taking over as the airport's director in 2007,
11 Mr. Smith has overseen the expansion of its infrastructure and
12 services, including a new \$2.4 million customs facility that will
13 allow international flights to use the airport, a runway extension
14 and a new taxiway, a significant increase in hangar space and fuel
15 sales, and a new traffic control tower; in addition, he played a
16 vital role in the opening of the airport's third fixed-base
17 operation, a corporate and general aviation facility that includes
18 two 40,000-square-foot hangars, a three-story, 45,000-square-foot
19 building, and a new fuel service; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith earned his bachelor's degree in airport
21 management from Metropolitan State University and his master's
22 degree in public administration from California State University,
23 Northridge; from 1991 to 1999, he was the director of the
24 Aspen/Pitkin County Airport in Colorado, and from 1999 to 2005, he

1 served as director of airports for Ventura County, California;
2 after moving to Houston in 2005, he worked for George Bush
3 Intercontinental Airport before becoming the director at Lone Star;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A leader in the aviation community, Mr. Smith is an
6 accredited airport executive and a member of the American
7 Association of Airport Executives and the National Business
8 Aviation Association, and he has been a member of the National
9 Airports Council board; in addition, he has taught meteorology for
10 the department of aviation at Lone Star College, and he regularly
11 hosts school groups for tours of the airport; and

12 WHEREAS, Scott Smith's receipt of this prestigious
13 recognition is a testament to his outstanding record of service,
14 and he may indeed take justifiable pride in his achievements as
15 director of Lone Star Executive Airport; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Scott Smith for being named the
18 2015 Reliever Airport Manager of the Year by the aviation division
19 of the Texas Department of Transportation and extend to him sincere
20 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. Smith as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.