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H.R. No. 1827

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Andrews County Airport has been named the 2015
2 Airport of the Year by the aviation division of the Texas Department
3 of Transportation; and

4 WHEREAS, This well-deserved accolade recognizes the
5 expansion and diversification that have taken place at the airport
6 over the past five years in order to accommodate the increased
7 activity resulting from the growth of the oil and gas industry in
8 the Permian Basin; these improvements were carried out under the
9 leadership of Andrews County Judge Richard Dolenger and airport
10 manager Robert Vargas and with the support of the City of Andrews,
11 the commissioners court, the Andrews Chamber of Commerce, and the
12 Andrews Economic Development Corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, One important enhancement at the facility was the
14 construction of a new, \$1.2 million hangar, providing KCSI, a
15 pipeline inspection service, with facilities for seven private
16 planes, a maintenance shop, and office space; and

17 WHEREAS, Local city and county governments also worked with
18 TxDOT to create a development plan for future growth of the airport
19 that took into consideration the new highway loop around the city
20 that was completed in 2014; funded by the county, this development
21 plan resulted in the update of the Airport Layout Drawing, which
22 will help guide future public and private development in the area;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Another notable upgrade was the purchase of three

1 parcels of land from the county that will allow for further
2 expansion of the airport operations and give it the ability to
3 handle larger corporate aircraft; and

4 WHEREAS, Andrews County Airport plays an important role in
5 the regional transportation system and in the economic vitality of
6 the community, and the recent changes that have been implemented
7 will ensure the facility's continued viability for years to come;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor the Andrews County Airport on its
11 recognition as the 2015 Airport of the Year by the Texas Department
12 of Transportation aviation division and commend all who have
13 contributed to the airport's success for a job well done; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the airport as an expression of high esteem by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.