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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Deanie Parrish and Nancy Parrish have been inducted
2 into the Pioneer Hall of Fame by Women in Aviation, International,
3 and they are indeed deserving of recognition for their achievement;
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5 WHEREAS, The Pioneer Hall of Fame was established by Women in
6 Aviation, International in 1992 to honor women who have made
7 significant contributions in the field of aviation as
8 record-setters or innovators, or by helping female aviators to be
9 successful; and

10 WHEREAS, Deanie Parrish and her daughter, Nancy, were
11 recognized for their work with Wings Across America, a nonprofit
12 organization that they founded to gather and share historical
13 information about Women Airforce Service Pilots who served during
14 World War II; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1944, Deanie Parrish joined the WASP program and
16 trained for seven months at Avenger Field in Sweetwater; she was
17 later stationed in Mississippi and Florida, where she served as a
18 test pilot and assisted with target practice exercises; and

19 WHEREAS, Nancy Parrish is a former news producer, and she
20 chronicled her mother's experiences, as well as those of more than
21 100 other WASPs, to create a video history website; the Parrishes
22 also established a WASP museum in Sweetwater and two traveling
23 exhibits to educate and inspire citizens across the country; and

24 WHEREAS, Through their dedicated efforts to preserve and

1 celebrate the fascinating history of Women Airforce Service Pilots,
2 Deanie Parrish and Nancy Parrish have contributed immeasurably to
3 protecting an important part of our heritage, and they may reflect
4 with pride on all that they have accomplished; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Deanie Parrish and Nancy Parrish on
7 their induction into the Pioneer Hall of Fame by Women in Aviation,
8 International and extend to them sincere best wishes for the
9 future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Deanie Parrish and Nancy Parrish as an expression of
12 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.