

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 502

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Andrews County Airport, which has been selected as the 2015 Airport of the Year by the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the last five years, under the leadership of airport manager Robert Vargas and Andrews County Judge Richard Dolenger, the Andrews County Airport has undergone significant and meaningful changes in response to the airport's evolving role and the needs of its users; and

**WHEREAS**, To accommodate the increased use of the airport due to the regional growth in the oil and gas industry, Andrews County Airport personnel have worked with local business and community leaders to plan locally funded improvement projects, including the construction of a new hangar, the development of a new airport layout plan, and the acquisition of new land parcels to facilitate public partnerships and private hangar development; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to locally funded projects, the county has partnered with the Texas Department of Transportation to upgrade and replace runways, improve drainage, and construct a concrete fueling apron; and

**WHEREAS**, The staff of Andrews County Airport have worked diligently to maintain a safe and attractive facility that is positioned to meet the increasing demands of the future, and they are indeed deserving of recognition for their recent honor; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby congratulate the management and staff of Andrews County Airport for earning the 2015 Airport of the Year Award and extend to all best wishes for future success; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the airport as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate