

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 503

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Hemphill County Airport, which has been selected to receive the 2015 Most Improved General Aviation Airport of the Year award; and

**WHEREAS**, This award recognizes a general aviation or reliever airport that has undergone significant upgrades to better fulfill the needs of the region it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hemphill County Airport is located in the center of one of the largest oil reserves in the Texas Panhandle, and as oil production has expanded in the region, the demand for services at the airport has increased; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2012, airport management and local officials partnered with the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division to plan and implement a number of improvements at the airport; and

**WHEREAS**, Among the most notable renovations are newly upgraded and expanded runways, taxiways, and aprons, and a new, state-of-the-art lighting system; the improvement project has opened the airport to a wider variety of businesses and has increased the weight-bearing capacity of a runway to handle larger aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, Local officials, airport management, and area residents recognize the important economic contributions that the airport brings to the community, and the recent improvements have positioned the airport to meet the increasing demands of the future; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend all who have participated in the improvements to the Hemphill County Airport and congratulate them on the airport's selection as the 2015 Most Improved General Aviation Airport of the Year; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the Hemphill County Airport.

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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