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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sterling Aviation High School in Houston is holding
2 a groundbreaking ceremony on March 3rd, 2017, to commemorate the
3 newly constructed \$72 million facility, which opened its doors to
4 students on January 4, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, This outstanding educational institution serves
6 nearly 2,000 students in 9th through 12th grade; under the able
7 leadership of principal Justin Fuentes, the 237,000-square-foot
8 school offers an aviation school on-site, where the program also
9 allows students to earn credit toward a pilot's license, which
10 combines rigorous academics with real-world experiences to prepare
11 students for professions in that vital field; and

12 WHEREAS, Sterling Aviation High School is the first new
13 comprehensive high school to be completed under Houston Independent
14 School District's 2012 Bond Program and the first to be built in the
15 district in almost 16 years; the addition includes a
16 7,100-square-foot, two-story hangar, leaving students and
17 instructors feeling sky high about the future of their program. Two
18 small single-propeller planes fit inside the hangar along with 17
19 aircraft engines that students can tinker with for hands-on
20 learning, and the facility also includes an observation deck on the
21 third floor where students can view the airport traffic control
22 tower at Houston's William P. Hobby Airport, which is just miles
23 away from the campus; and

24 WHEREAS, The education of young Texans is of great importance

1 to the future of our state, and with these vital renovations and
2 construction to their campus, the faculty and staff of Sterling
3 Aviation High School will be better equipped to help students reach
4 their full potential and become engaged and productive members of
5 the community; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the Sterling Aviation High School
8 groundbreaking ceremony and extend to all those associated with the
9 institution sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Sterling Aviation High School as an expression of high
12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.