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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After a 21-year hiatus, the famed Breckenridge  
2 Airshow is being revived by the Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce  
3 and Ezell Aviation on May 27 and 28, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, The original air show was started in 1977 by  
5 Breckenridge native Howard Pardue, a former Marine Corps fighter  
6 pilot who went on to a successful career as an air-show performer  
7 and air-race pilot; featuring aerial stunts and vintage aircraft,  
8 the first version of the air show ran for 19 years, ending in 1996;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The new Breckenridge Airshow is being sponsored by  
11 the chamber of commerce and staged by Ezell Aviation, a local  
12 company that specializes in the restoration of historic military  
13 aircraft, or "war birds"; and

14 WHEREAS, Participants in the 20th edition of the air show  
15 will include pilots Stewart Dawson, Carl Best, and David Martin, as  
16 well as the Texas Flying Legends Museum, the Mid America Flight  
17 Museum, Lewis Air Legends, the Cavanaugh Flight Museum, and  
18 Comanche Fighters; the historic aircraft on display will include  
19 the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-25 Mitchell bombers, the P-51  
20 Mustang and P-40 Warhawk fighters, and the Japanese Zero; and

21 WHEREAS, The highlight of the air show will be "Tora, Tora,  
22 Tora," a reenactment of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on  
23 December 7, 1941, which will be performed as a living history lesson  
24 and as a memorial to the military personnel who lost their lives;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, This thrilling and family-friendly event promises  
3 to delight residents and visitors alike while also contributing to  
4 the local economy, and its return after two decades is truly cause  
5 for celebration; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th Breckenridge Airshow and  
8 extend to its organizers, participants, and guests sincere best  
9 wishes for a meaningful and memorable event; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce and Ezell  
12 Aviation as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
13 Representatives.