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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston is  
2 celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019, providing a fitting  
3 opportunity to pay tribute to the contributions of this notable  
4 transportation hub; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1957, the Civil Aeronautics Administration  
6 recommended that the city of Houston begin planning for a new  
7 airport to replace what is now William P. Hobby Airport; land was  
8 purchased in 1961, and on June 8, 1969, the new Houston  
9 Intercontinental Airport was opened for business; it was renamed in  
10 May 1997 in honor of former president George H. W. Bush; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, George Bush Intercontinental Airport is one  
12 of the busiest airports in the nation, with flights to more than 185  
13 domestic destinations and nearly 70 international destinations;  
14 some 44 million passengers, including approximately 11 million  
15 international passengers, come through the airport each year,  
16 traveling on 27 different airlines; the airport is a major gateway  
17 to Mexico and Latin America, and it is one of the few airports in the  
18 world that offers nonstop flights to all six inhabited continents;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, GBIA supports more than 170,000 jobs and contributes  
21 over \$22.5 billion to the local economy; in 2018, the airport  
22 shipped more than 500,000 metric tons of cargo, including shipments  
23 of industrial equipment, computer components, e-commerce goods,  
24 and perishables, to destinations around the world; both GBIA and

1 William P. Hobby Airport have received four-star ratings from the  
2 global air transport rating organization Skytrax, making Houston  
3 one of only three cities in the world with two four-star airports;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, For half a century, George Bush Intercontinental  
6 Airport has been a vital economic force in the region while  
7 welcoming millions of travelers to the Lone Star State, and it is  
8 truly deserving of special recognition as it marks this milestone  
9 year; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening  
12 of George Bush Intercontinental Airport and extend to all those  
13 associated with the airport sincere best wishes for continued  
14 success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for George Bush Intercontinental Airport as an expression  
17 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.