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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Airport Director Danny Adams and the staff of St. Louis Regional Airport on receiving the Illinois Reliever Airport of the Year award; and

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WHEREAS, Civic Memorial Airport began operating in 1946 with a sod runway and changed its name to St. Louis Regional Airport in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, St. Louis Regional Airport, classified as an FAA reliever airport, has created more than 1,500 jobs with an annual economic impact of \$480 million; it has two runways capable of handling a wide array of aircraft, allowing it to serve a diverse set of clientele, including private aviators, Fortune 500 companies, and regional aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul customers; it averages over 80,000 operations annually and pilots have a fast, tower-guided approach with long runways capable of landing aircraft as large as a C-5A or a Boeing 747; and

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WHEREAS, Since September 2023, St. Louis Regional Airport has built \$8.5 million worth of improvements, which include the Runway 17/35 rehabilitation, the South Apron expansion, the T-hangar Taxilane reconstruction, and the Public Parking

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1 Lot rehabilitation; it has also undergone a \$20 million  
2 expansion through West Star Aviation's investment; after a  
3 15-year hiatus, it again offers professional flight training  
4 through Piston Aviation Flight School, providing a high-demand  
5 service; due to all of these projects, the airport has  
6 experienced a 39% increase in air traffic over the last 12  
7 months; and

8 WHEREAS, St. Louis Regional Airport has gone from a single  
9 sod runway to the 2,300-acre site it is today; despite changes  
10 in ownership and name, the original Walston Aviation name is  
11 still present in the field today and the original terminal is  
12 being returned to aeronautical use after many years of serving  
13 as a restaurant; and

14 WHEREAS, St. Louis Regional Airport is truly one of the  
15 top general aviation airports in the St. Louis area and  
16 Illinois today, and it continues positively impacting many  
17 companies and people's lives in the great State of Illinois;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we congratulate Airport Director Danny Adams and the staff of  
22 St. Louis Regional Airport on receiving the Illinois Reliever  
23 Airport of the Year award, and we recognize all of the

1 contributions by its leaders, employees, and community members  
2 who have helped improve it over the years; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
4 presented to St. Louis Regional Airport and Airport Director  
5 Danny Adams as an expression of our respect and esteem for its  
6 positive impact on travel in the State of Illinois.