

RESOLUTION No. 04-02

A resolution by the Harlingen Airport Board of Harlingen, Texas, supporting Southwest Airlines, Co., in its efforts to repeal the Wright Amendment.

WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines began service June 18, 1971, with flights to Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines added Harlingen as its fourth destination and began service to the Rio Grande Valley on February 11, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines has grown to become one of the largest airlines in America flying more than 65 million passengers a year to 59 cities on 2,800 flights per day; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines operates 81% of all passengers at Valley International Airport in Harlingen, Texas and will carry more than 680,000 passengers in and out of Harlingen in 2004 with 24 daily non-stop flights to/from Houston Hobby, San Antonio and Austin; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines employs 49 people at Valley International and pays Valley International Airport more than \$1.1 million in annual rents and charges;

WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines has a significant and positive impact on the Harlingen/Rio Grande Valley economy; and


WHEREAS, the Wright Amendment is a federal law established in 1979 to severely restrict commercial flights out of Dallas Love Field so that airlines, including Southwest Airlines, can fly aircraft with more than 55 seats to only Kansas, Mississippi, Alabama and those states that share a border with Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Wright Amendment restricts commerce, is anti-competitive and penalizes passengers by protecting high airfares to and from Dallas.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harlingen Airport Board of Harlingen, Texas, by adoption of this resolution, fully supports Southwest Airlines, Co in its' efforts to repeal the Wright Amendment;

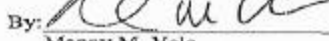
Duly passed by the Harlingen Airport Board of Harlingen, Texas, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2004.

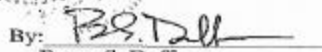
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