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3 By Representatives Wren, Mask and Beckman
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8 RECOGNIZING THE WETUMPKA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ON BEING
9 LISTED IN THE ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE BY
10 THE ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

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12 WHEREAS, the Wetumpka Municipal Airport has attained
13 well deserved recognition with its selection for listing in
14 the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage by the Alabama
15 Historical Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, formerly known as Elmore Auxiliary Training
17 Field No. 2, the Wetumpka Municipal Airport qualified for the
18 meritorious designation because it served as an auxiliary
19 training field during World War II; and

20 WHEREAS, when World War II began, the War Department
21 recognized the urgent need for a trained military force and
22 instituted airfields throughout the country; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1942, the Elmore Auxiliary Training
24 Field No. 2 was established on 320 acres acquired by the
25 government to handle takeoffs and landings during high-tempo
26 training cycles in conjunction with activities at Gunter Army

1 Airfield in Montgomery; the Elmore County facility was one of
2 seven serving Gunter Airfield and is the only one that
3 continues to be in operation; and

4 WHEREAS, among the Auxiliary Training Field
5 contributions to the war effort were the many Elmore County
6 pilots who excelled in combat, with at least two who received
7 acclaim as World War II Aces and were awarded both the Silver
8 Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross, First Lieutenant
9 Henry Smith Rudolph and First Lieutenant Hoyt Arnold Eason;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, following the war, the federal government
12 sold the land to the City of Wetumpka for the sum of one
13 dollar; currently, the Wetumpka Municipal Airport thrives as a
14 general aviation airport and is the base for approximately 100
15 planes; and

16 WHEREAS, the Alabama Register of Landmarks and
17 Heritage is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural,
18 and archaeological landmarks that are selected as worthy of
19 both recognition and preservation; and

20 WHEREAS, as a unique component of the illustrious
21 history of the great State of Alabama, the Wetumpka Municipal
22 Airport is truly deserving of this significant honor; now
23 therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we are privileged to
26 recognize the Wetumpka Municipal Airport, and it is directed

1 that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the
2 airport for appropriate display, with heartiest
3 congratulations on being listed in the Alabama Register of
4 Landmarks and Heritage by the Alabama Historical Commission.