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RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGE BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

OCTOBER 6, 2009.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. OBERSTAR, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 138]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 138) recognizing the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Con. Res. 138 recognizes the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

This concurrent resolution recognizes the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) in Houston, Texas. Former President George Herbert Walker Bush was present as a Member of the Houston congressional delegation for the opening of the airport in 1969. In 1997, the airport was officially named in his honor.

Since IAH opened in 1969, 700 million people have passed through its gates. The airport is the eighth largest airport in the United States, serving over 43 million passengers in 2008. IAH offers 109 domestic and 65 nonstop international destinations in over 32 countries by 30 airlines. IAH is a regional and world leader in air cargo processing, consolidation, and distribution. It contributes $24 billion in economic benefits to the Houston region and more than 151,000 jobs. The concurrent resolution congratulates the offi-

cials of IAH, the Houston Airport System, and the City of Houston, Texas, for the 40 years of service it has provided to Houston and the nation.

SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Con. Res. 138 recognizes the 40th anniversary of the founding of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport; and congratulates officials of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport, the Houston Airport System, and the City of Houston, Texas, for the airport's record of excellent service to the citizens of Houston and the national air transportation system.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On June 3, 2009, Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee introduced H. Con. Res. 138. This concurrent resolution has not been introduced in a previous Congress. On September 24, 2009, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider H. Con. Res. 138, and ordered the resolution reported favorably to the House by voice vote with a quorum present.

RECORD VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each recorded vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with considering H. Con. Res. 138, or ordering the concurrent resolution reported. A motion to order H. Con. Res. 138 reported favorably to the House was agreed to by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee references the report of the Congressional Budget Office included in the report.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goals and objectives of this legislation are to recognize the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston,

Texas; and congratulate the officials of IAH, the Houston Airport System, and the City of Houston, Texas for the service it has provided to the citizens of Houston and the national air transportation system.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for H. Con. Res. 138 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 25, 2009.

Hon. JAMES L. OBERSTAR,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H. Con. Res. 138, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS W. ELMENDORF.

Enclosure.

H. Con. Res. 138—A concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas

H. Con. Res. 138 would provide Congressional recognition of the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport. The legislation also would congratulate local officials for their work in air transportation services. Adopting H. Con. Res. 138 would result in no cost to the Federal Government.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XXI

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is required to include a list of congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits, as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. H. Con. Res. 138 does not contain any earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits under clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, committee reports on a bill or joint resolution of a public character shall include a statement citing the specific powers granted to the Congress in the Constitution to enact the measure. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure finds that Congress has the authority to enact this measure pursu-

ant to its powers granted under article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of Federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (P.L. 104–4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee states that H. Con. Res. 138 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (P.L. 104–1).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H. Con. Res. 138 makes no changes in existing law.

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