

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, TO SUPPORT KEEPING IN PLACE THE "WRIGHT AMENDMENT" TO THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION COMPETITION ACT OF 1979.

WHEREAS, in 1968, the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth agreed to build a regional airport to replace Dallas Love Field and Greater Southwest International Airport as directed by the Civil Aeronautics Board; and

WHEREAS, the airlines serving the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex pledged to move to the new regional airport; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines chose to keep Dallas Love Field as its headquarters; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, U.S. House Leader Jim Wright of Texas drafted an Amendment known as the "Wright Amendment" to the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979 passed by the US Congress which permitted air carrier service between Love Field and Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico; and said amendment was subsequently amended by the Shelby Amendment to add Kansas, Alabama and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, there exists a movement to repeal the Wright Amendment; and

WHEREAS, such repeal may adversely affect air operations at Abilene Regional Airport through reduced Federal Airport Improvement Program funding opportunities and reduced enplanements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:


PART 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute this Resolution of Support for keeping the Wright Amendment in place as currently drafted until the FAA terminates Air Carrier operations at Dallas Love Field as directed by the Civil Aeronautics Board in 1968.


PART 2: That the City Council directs the City of Abilene staff to make this Resolution known to the appropriate public officials.

PART 3: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE this 22nd day of September, A.D., 2005.

ATTEST:


Jo Moore
City Secretary


Norm Archibald
Mayor

APPROVED:


Sharon Hicks
City Attorney