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## **COTULLA AIRPORT NAMED AIRPORT OF THE YEAR**

**AUSTIN** – Representative Ryan Guillen (District 31- D) congratulates Cotulla Airport in La Salle County on winning Airport of the Year. The Texas Aviation Conference presented Cotulla – La Salle County Airport with the award on Thursday at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Aviation Conference held at La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa in Montgomery.

“I’m thrilled that Cotulla Airport has received the recognition it so rightly deserves. The airport is essential to transportation in the area,” Guillen explained.

The Cotulla – La Salle County Airport is located 130 miles southwest of San Antonio in Guillen’s District 31 and acts as the transportation hub to the flying community, South Texas hunters, and the Eagle Ford Shale businesses.

The airport was constructed in 1947 with two crossing runways that acted as an emergency airfield for military training. The airport declined in following years but was revamped in 1991 when the Texas Department of Aviation noticed a substantial growth in air traffic in the area and approved a \$1.8 million project to lengthen and widen the runway. In 2009, a \$8 million expansion- the largest in history- was approved and aided to establish the Cotulla Hub as the predominate airport for the region.

The award is presented annually and is given to an airport that has distinguished itself through its outstanding facilities and operations. The airport manager E.T. Page and his wife, Kye, have been instrumental in the success of the airport.

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