

A Resolution

NO. _____

RENAMING FORT WORTH ALLIANCE AIRPORT WITHIN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH AS PEROT FIELD FORT WORTH ALLIANCE AIRPORT

WHEREAS the City of Fort Worth (the “City”) is the owner of Fort Worth Alliance Airport (“Airport”);

WHEREAS the Airport was initially conceived of in the late 1980’s when there was interest between the City, the Federal Aviation Administration, and Hillwood (a Perot Company) in establishing an Airport in far north Fort Worth with a focus as an “industrial” airport; and

WHEREAS on May 24, 1988 Ross Perot and his son, Ross Perot, Jr. donated over 381 acres of land through Alliance Airport Ltd. (a Perot company) to support the development of the world’s first industrial airport;

WHEREAS through the years, and with Mr. Perot’s support, the Airport has grown to approximately 1,198 acres and serves as the premier destination for aviation and global logistics customers which contributes the growing economic success for the region since the Airport’s inception;

WHEREAS to honor Mr. Perot, both the City Manager’s Office and the Aviation Department request that the City re-name the Airport to “Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport” in order to honor Ross Perot’s lasting legacy in Fort Worth and the tremendous amount of success he has brought the City throughout the years;

WHEREAS the City’s Facility Naming Policy under Resolution No. 725, along with its subsequent amendment under Resolution No. 3255-09-2005 (collectively, the “Policy”) requires that recommendations for naming City-owned facilities be submitted to the Council by the appropriate City department and the City Manager’s office and that a biographical sketch listing the proposed individual’s contributions for the betterment of Fort Worth be submitted as well which is attached to this resolution as Attachment “A”.

WHEREAS both the Aviation Department and the City Manager’s Office recommend and support for the renaming of the Airport and a brief biography, attached to this Resolution, is provided to Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS THAT:

1. The City of Fort Worth Airport currently named as Fort Worth Alliance Airport be renamed to Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport;
2. The Aviation Department submit this name change to the proper authorities within the Federal Aviation Administration for Approval;
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2022.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

A Brief History of H. Ross Perot, Sr. and His Contributions to the City of Fort Worth

H. Ross Perot, Sr. (b. June 27, 1930 – d. July 9, 2019) was born in Texarkana, Texas to Gabriel and Lula May Perot. After graduating from Texarkana College he was granted admission to the US Naval Academy and took the midshipman's oath on June 27, 1949. Following his Navy service, in 1957, he joined International Business Machines (IBM) as a data processing salesman. Seeing the need for design, installation and servicing of data processing systems he founded Electronic Data Systems (EDS) on June 27, 1962, which quickly became an industry leader in the information technology business. In the mid-1980's he and his son Ross Perot, Jr., sharing the same passion for real estate accumulated tens of thousands of acres of ranch land in north Tarrant County and south Denton County. In 1987, the FAA expressed interest in locating an Airport in far north Fort Worth. Working in collaboration with Hillwood (a Perot company) and the FAA, the City received on May 24, 1988 the initial dedication of 381 acres of land from Alliance Airport Ltd. (a Perot company) to support the development of the world's first industrial airport. With subsequent land dedications from Perot companies, the Airport has grown to 1,198 acres today and serves as the premier destination for aviation and global logistics customers within Alliance Texas, a 27,000-acre master-planned mixed-use development with now over 550 companies in north Fort Worth, contributing in excess of \$100 billion in cumulative economic impact for the region since its inception

Mr. Perot's commitment and support of military members, veterans and their families, and his son's passion for Aviation, became the impetus for the annual Fort Worth Alliance Air Show, one of the premier air shows in the country, which in 2021 celebrated its 30th year anniversary at the Airport, drawing in excess of 100,000 visitors.