

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 92

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Landlocked Aviation Services on receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration 2023 Phoenix Award for Outstanding Small Business Disaster Recovery.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recognizes Phoenix Award winners every year during National Small Business Week for their inspiring resilience in the aftermath of devastating natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Landlocked Aviation Services is the recipient of the 2023 Phoenix Award for Outstanding Small Business Disaster Recovery; and

WHEREAS, LandLocked Aviation Services' founder, leader, and visionary, Tyson Grenzebach, founded LandLocked Industries LLC, dba LandLocked Aviation Services, in 2009; and

WHEREAS, with twenty-five years mastering aircraft refinishing and managing multiple aircraft paint facilities, Tyson Grenzebach and a group of buddies set out to work as touch labor providers in aircraft refinishing; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Tyson was presented with an opportunity to open shop in Lake Charles, Louisiana, at the Chennault International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Tyson obtained Federal Aviation Regulation Part 145 certification from the Federal Aviation Administration and secured a contract to provide aircraft refinishing service to Delta Airlines; and

WHEREAS, Tyson's reputation and work ethic has been instrumental in LandLocked Aviation Services, becoming a preferred provider for aircraft refinishing in the commercial, military, and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, Landlocked Aviation Services' sales revenue in 2015 was \$4.2 million, climbing to \$16.9 million in 2022, and there are plans to acquire additional hanger space to help fill the demand for aircraft refinishing services; and

WHEREAS, the road to success has not been without its challenges, but LandLocked Aviation Services has persevered in overcoming the obstacles; and

WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic in 2020 brought the industry to a screeching halt, requiring quick and decisive action to maintain the business; and

WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic was followed by the deadly and destructive category four Hurricane Laura bringing mass destruction to the entire area; and

WHEREAS, LandLocked Aviation Services pivoted and acquired some equipment and went to work offering land clearing and clean up services; and

WHEREAS, approximately six weeks later, Hurricane Delta followed almost the same exact path as Hurricane Laura; this was followed by a record freeze in February and a major flash flood in May 2021; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Lake Charles, Louisiana, was named America's Most Weather Battered City with four natural disasters being claimed; and

WHEREAS, LandLocked Aviation Services was fortunate to qualify for small business administration assistance during these devastating times, and the funds received were instrumental in giving LandLocked Aviation Services the resources to rebuild, replace equipment, and get back to work; without that assistance, the road to recovery would have been much longer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend LandLocked Aviation Services on receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration 2023 Phoenix Award for Outstanding Small Business Disaster Recovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tyson Grenzebach.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE