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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution recognizing the Florida Air Museum, operated by Sun n' Fun, a not-for-profit corporation that is compiling an extensive collection of aviation memorabilia and educating the public on aviation history.

WHEREAS, the mission of Sun n' Fun, as approved by its Board of Directors in June 2001, is to become the "Aviation Experience of Choice" in the United States and internationally, and

WHEREAS, to further this mission, Sun n' Fun maintains a large museum complex, provides an annual air show and convention, and has implemented year-round, aviation-related programs to foster the interest of children of all ages in both aviation and the math, science, and technology that are required for safe aviation, and

WHEREAS, the Sun n' Fun Museum hosts several programs dedicated to aviation education, including a Young Pilots Program, an aviation lecture series, and a Young Eagles Program, and

WHEREAS, the Sun n' Fun air show and convention brings more than 650,000 people to Lakeland, Florida, making it the second largest of its kind in the world in terms of attendance and the largest in terms of the number of air show performers and the size of its night air show, and

WHEREAS, the Museum presently showcases a 20,000-square-foot central museum that houses approximately 65 aircraft, many of which are unique to the evolution of aviation in America, and

1           WHEREAS, the Museum also has a 20,000-square-foot annex  
2 that houses more than a dozen vintage World War II aircraft,  
3 including many one-of-a-kind items, and

4           WHEREAS, the Museum is home to the collective archive  
5 of all of the documents from the estate of noted aviation  
6 pioneer Howard Hughes, as well as housing the most extensive  
7 archives of aviation publications in the state, and

8           WHEREAS, the Museum has a wall dedicated to the history  
9 of aviation in Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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11 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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13           That the Senate recognizes the Florida Air Museum  
14 housed at Sun n' Fun, as the official aviation museum and  
15 aviation education center of the State of Florida.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
17 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the  
18 Florida Air Museum as a tangible token of the sentiments of  
19 the Florida Senate.

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