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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 14, 2004, as Aviation Day in Florida.

WHEREAS, the aviation industry is one of the cornerstones of Florida's economy, with 19 commercial service airports and 111 general aviation airports that are open to the public and more than 550 private airports, and

WHEREAS, Florida's airports provide nearly \$90 billion annually in economic activity, and its aviation industry supports over one million jobs that generate more than \$26 billion in annual payroll, and

WHEREAS, Florida has the largest flight training industry in the world, and

WHEREAS, Florida's commercial service airports provide nonstop scheduled service to 160 domestic and international destinations, serve 110 million passengers annually, handle 6 percent of the nation's air cargo, and carry in excess of 50 percent of the visitors that come to the state each year, and

WHEREAS, each year, Florida's general aviation aircraft bring 9 million visitors to the state, and its general aviation airports house 14,000 aircraft, comprising 6 percent of the nation's general aviation fleet, and accommodate 7 million takeoffs and landings yearly, ranking Florida second in the nation in this area, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That the Members of the House of Representatives

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31 enthusiastically acknowledge the outstanding contributions made
32 by the more than one million employees of the aviation industry
33 of the state and are pleased to recognize April 14, 2004, as
34 Aviation Day in Florida.