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House Resolution

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2 A resolution designating May 24, 2004, as "Aviation
3 Maintenance Technician Day" in Florida.
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5 WHEREAS, in 1965, 9 years after his death at 87, a little-
6 known participant in the birth of aviation was inducted by the
7 United States Air Force Museum into the Aviation Hall of Fame
8 and, as a further tribute, the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic
9 Award has been established in his honor by which the Federal
10 Aviation Administration recognizes persons with 50 years or more
11 of aviation maintenance experience, and

12 WHEREAS, born May 24, 1868, Charles Edward Taylor, often
13 referred to as the "Unsung Hero of Aviation," is now recognized
14 as the first aviation mechanic in powered flight, the man who
15 built and maintained the engine of the Wright Brothers' craft
16 that on December 17, 1903, changed the course of history, and

17 WHEREAS, in the century since that historic event,
18 countless individuals have followed in the footsteps of Charlie
19 Taylor, applying their skills to the maintenance of planes that
20 transport passengers and cargo, carry out daring rescue and
21 humanitarian missions, and protect the skies over our nation,
22 and

23 WHEREAS, spurred by the Federal Aviation Administration,
24 many states are electing to observe "Aviation Maintenance
25 Technician Day" in an effort to focus well-merited attention on
26 these vital members of the aviation industry who, largely
27 unnoticed, work quietly behind the scenes, to ensure the
28 viability and safety of the nation's aircraft, and

29 WHEREAS, May 24, Charlie Taylor's birthday, has been chosen
30 by the Federal Aviation Administration as an appropriate date on



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31 which to honor America's aviation maintenance technicians, and
32 the Southern Region of the Administration, which includes eight
33 southeastern states and the Caribbean, is urging an enthusiastic
34 observance of Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, NOW,
35 THEREFORE,

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

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40 That the House of Representatives designates May 24, 2004,
41 as "Aviation Maintenance Technician Day" in Florida and
42 wholeheartedly joins the Southern Region of the Federal Aviation
43 Administration in urging Floridians to express their gratitude
44 to the state's own "unsung heroes of aviation," its aviation
45 maintenance technicians.