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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 17-23, 2007, as
"General Aviation Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the aviation industry is one of the
cornerstones of Florida's economy, with 20 commercial service
airports and 108 general aviation airports that are open to
the public and more than 600 private-use airports, and

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

WHEREAS, Florida has the largest flight-training
industry in the United States, and

WHEREAS, more than 85 percent of all aircraft
operations in Florida are flown by general aviation aircraft,
and

WHEREAS, each year, Florida's general aviation aircraft
bring 9 million business and leisure visitors to the state,
and

WHEREAS, the state's general aviation airports house
more than 14,000 aircraft, comprising 6 percent of the
nation's general aviation fleet, and

WHEREAS, Florida's general aviation airports
accommodate more than 7 million takeoffs and landings yearly,
ranking Florida second in the nation in this area, and

WHEREAS, without general aviation airports, Florida's
busy commercial service airports would be overwhelmed with air
traffic, making air travel to and around the state nearly
impossible, and

1 WHEREAS, Florida is the host of the nation's second
2 largest general aviation convention, Sun'n Fun Fly-In
3 Convention, in Lakeland for 1 week each year, attracting
4 thousands of aircraft and hundreds of thousands of aviation
5 enthusiasts to the state for the event, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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9 That April 17-23, 2007, is recognized as "General
10 Aviation Week" in Florida.

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