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House 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 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 United States, and

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

WHEREAS, Florida is the host of the nation's second largest general aviation convention, the Sun'n Fun Fly-In Convention in

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Lakeland for one week each year, which attracts thousands of aircraft and hundreds of thousands of aviation enthusiasts to the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the members of the Florida House of Representatives enthusiastically acknowledge and recognize April 17-23, 2007, as "General Aviation Week" in Florida.