

By Senator Dockery

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 8-13, 2008, as "General Aviation Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the aviation industry is one of the cornerstones of Florida's economy, with 21 commercial service airports and 107 general aviation airports that are open to the public and more than 600 private-use airports, and

WHEREAS, Florida's airports provide nearly \$96 billion annually in economic activity, and the state's 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

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

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

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37 That April 8-13, 2008, is recognized as "General Aviation
38 Week" in Florida.