

By Senator Ring

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 19, 2013, as "Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was established on December 1, 1941, 1 week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, by citizens who were concerned about the defense of America's coastline, and

WHEREAS, under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Air Forces, Civil Air Patrol pilots flew more than 500,000 hours and were credited with sinking two enemy submarines and rescuing hundreds of crash survivors during World War II, and

WHEREAS, President Harry Truman established the Civil Air Patrol as a federally chartered benevolent civilian corporation on July 1, 1946, and on May 26, 1948, the United States Congress passed Public Law 557, which permanently established the Civil Air Patrol as the auxiliary of the United States Air Force and charged the patrol with three primary missions: cadet programs, emergency services, and aerospace education, and

WHEREAS, in October 2000, Congress passed Public Law 106-398, which designated the Civil Air Patrol as a volunteer civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force when its services are provided to any department or agency of the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol's cadet program offers children and young adults from ages 12 to 21 training in the areas of leadership, ethics, decisionmaking, and physical fitness and endurance, as well as the opportunity to fly in military aircraft and compete for scholarships toward earning

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30 pilot licenses, and

31 WHEREAS, the goal of the Civil Air Patrol's aerospace
32 education program is to foster and cultivate student interest in
33 aerospace through the promotion of aviation, technology,
34 engineering, and aerospace studies in the classroom and behind
35 the controls of powered and glider aircraft, this year setting a
36 record for more than 550 glider flights, a first in Florida
37 Wing, and

38 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol's emergency services program
39 provides crucial services for United States citizens, such as
40 inland search and rescue operations, reconnaissance for homeland
41 security, and disaster relief and support to local, state, and
42 national organizations, and

43 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol is composed entirely of
44 volunteer members from all walks of life, including medical and
45 business professionals, law enforcement officers, clergy
46 members, educators, and others, whose sole purpose is to serve
47 the citizens of the United States and the State of Florida, and

48 WHEREAS, one of the largest and most active Wings in the
49 Civil Air Patrol is the Florida Wing, with more than 4,100
50 members, and

51 WHEREAS, Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol has flown more than
52 6,000 hours over the past year in support of its task to serve
53 the citizens of the State of Florida and has executed more than
54 330 missions in the state, including United States Air Force,
55 Florida National Guard special training, and reconnaissance
56 missions, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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60 That April 19, 2013, is recognized as "Florida Wing, Civil
61 Air Patrol Day" in the State of Florida.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
63 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Florida
64 Wing, Civil Air Patrol as a tangible token of the sentiments of
65 the Florida Senate.