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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of
3 Naval Air Station Pensacola.

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5 WHEREAS, in 1825, President John Quincy Adams and Secretary
6 of the Navy Samuel Southard made arrangements to build a Navy
7 yard on the southern tip of Escambia County, and

8 WHEREAS, with the site selected by Navy Captains William
9 Bainbridge, Lewis Warrington, and James Biddle, construction on
10 the Navy yard began in April 1826, and

11 WHEREAS, 85 years later, the Pensacola Navy Yard was
12 decommissioned in October 1911 after many of its facilities,
13 having been destroyed in the Civil War, were again devastated in
14 the hurricane of 1906, and

15 WHEREAS, with the enactment of the Naval Appropriations Act
16 of 1911-1912, a provision for aeronautical development enabled
17 the Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, to establish a
18 board in 1913 that recommended the use of Pensacola's abandoned
19 Navy yard as the site for the United States Naval Aeronautical
20 Station, and

21 WHEREAS, with the approval of the board's recommendation,
22 on January 20, 1914, the USS Mississippi and the USS Orion
23 arrived in Pensacola Bay with the United States Naval Aviation
24 program in order to establish the only United States aviation

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25 training facility of its time, now known as Naval Air Station
26 Pensacola, and

27 WHEREAS, since the first flight from the shore of Naval Air
28 Station Pensacola on February 2, 1914, thousands of aviators
29 have trained on its premises, further strengthening our armed
30 forces to bravely protect our country, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35 That Naval Air Station Pensacola, known as the "Cradle of
36 Naval Aviation," is honored on the occasion of its 100th
37 anniversary and commended for its excellence in aeronautical
38 military achievements.