
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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DiSANTO, REGAN, VOGEL, SCHWANK, STEFANO AND ARNOLD,
JUNE 23, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 23, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing August 19, 2020, as "Aviation Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, In 1903, brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright left
3 their hometown of Dayton, Ohio, and traveled to the sands of
4 Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and

5 WHEREAS, In Kitty Hawk, the Wright brothers made the first
6 controlled, sustained flight of a powered, heavier-than-air
7 aircraft, and in the process they established a tradition of
8 excellence in innovation that endures to this day; and

9 WHEREAS, Declared in 1939 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
10 "National Aviation Day" celebrates the history and development
11 of aviation; and

12 WHEREAS, This annual event provides an ideal time to pay
13 tribute to the many pioneering individuals who have dared to
14 reach for the heavens; and

15 WHEREAS, The date of August 19 was selected specifically to

1 correspond with the birthday of Orville Wright, and this legacy
2 of the Wright brothers' historic flight helps to ensure that
3 important details of the past are transmitted to succeeding
4 generations for their reflection and appreciation; and

5 WHEREAS, The many organizations and airports throughout this
6 Commonwealth that have participated in "National Aviation Day"
7 are to be commended for their tremendous efforts to guarantee
8 that the history of aviation in the United States will not be
9 forgotten; and

10 WHEREAS, Aviation in this Commonwealth dates back more than
11 100 years and currently ranks 11th in the country in the number
12 of public-use aviation facilities, with 128 airports, heliports
13 and seaplane bases, providing an annual economic impact of \$23.6
14 billion to this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, The aviation industry in this Commonwealth supports
16 more than 300,000 jobs, making it one of the largest employment
17 sectors in the State; and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania-based companies, such as Lycoming
19 Engines, headquartered in North Central Pennsylvania, have grown
20 over the years, employing hundreds of workers to specialize in
21 the engineering, manufacture, service and support of piston
22 aircraft engines; and

23 WHEREAS, The need for these jobs translates into expanded
24 curriculum at many Pennsylvania colleges in the areas of
25 aviation maintenance and technology; and

26 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth and aviation
27 enthusiasts are encouraged to celebrate the history of aviation
28 and support the future of aviation here in this Commonwealth;
29 therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize August 19, 2020, as

1 "Aviation Day" in Pennsylvania.