

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SATHER, B. SMITH, R. STEVENSON, TRUE, MCCALL, DENLINGER AND
SCAVELLO, MAY 25, 2004

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 25, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming May 24, 2004, as "Aviation Maintenance Technician
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Aviation maintenance technicians are all too often
4 unsung heroes whose achievements are overlooked; and

5 WHEREAS, One such unsung hero of aviation is Charles Edward
6 Taylor; and

7 WHEREAS, On April 30, 1903, at the Wright brothers' bicycle
8 shop in Dayton, Ohio, Charles Edward Taylor began working on the
9 first engine built for Orville and Wilbur Wright's airplane
10 named The Flyer; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor pioneered uncharted theories of engine
12 design by using only a lathe and drill press to construct a
13 four-cylinder piston engine weighing 179 pounds and producing 12
14 horsepower in just six weeks; and

15 WHEREAS, Nearly 100 years ago, on the morning of December 17,

1 1903, at the base of Kill Devil Hills, south of the village of
2 Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the Wright brothers made a mark in
3 aviation history by successfully flying the first powered
4 airplane; and

5 WHEREAS, This incredible achievement would not have been
6 possible if not for Charles Edward Taylor, the first aviation
7 mechanic in powered flight and the man who built and maintained
8 the first aircraft engines; and

9 WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration is working to
10 bring attention to the significance of Charles Edward Taylor's
11 achievements and to the contributions of the aviation
12 maintenance industry by recognizing May 24th, Mr. Taylor's
13 birthday, as "Aviation Maintenance Technician Day"; therefore be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives proclaim May 24,
16 2004, as "Aviation Maintenance Technician Day" in Pennsylvania.