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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 986 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY DONATUCCI, JUNE 18, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing August 19, 2018, 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  
16 correspond with the birthday of Orville Wright, and this legacy  
17 of the Wright brothers' historic flight helps to ensure that

1 important details of the past are transmitted to succeeding  
2 generations for their reflection and appreciation; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Aviation in this Commonwealth dates back more than  
9 100 years and currently ranks 11th in the country in the number  
10 of public-use aviation facilities, with 128 airports, heliports  
11 and seaplane bases, providing an annual economic impact of \$23.6  
12 billion to this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, The aviation industry in this Commonwealth supports  
14 more than 300,000 jobs, making it one of the largest employment  
15 sectors in the State; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize August  
17 19, 2018, as "Aviation Day" in Pennsylvania.