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SENATE RESOLUTION

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HUTCHINSON AND SCHWANK, JUNE 14, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 14, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing August 19, 2021, 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 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

1 of the Wright brothers' historic flight helps to ensure that
2 important details of the past are transmitted to succeeding
3 generations for their reflection and appreciation; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Aviation in this Commonwealth dates back more than
10 100 years and currently ranks 16th in the country in the number
11 of public-use aviation facilities; and

12 WHEREAS, With 124 airports, heliports and seaplane bases,
13 aviation provides an annual economic impact of \$28.5 billion to
14 this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, The aviation industry supports more than 322,000
16 jobs, making it one of the largest employment sectors in this
17 Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania-based companies, such as Lycoming
19 Engines headquartered in northcentral Pennsylvania, have grown
20 over the years to employ hundreds of workers who specialize in
21 the engineering, manufacturing, 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 field 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, 2021, as

1 "Aviation Day" in Pennsylvania.