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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE, ENCOURAGE
AND SUPPORT GENERAL AVIATION IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a critical role in the
lives and safety of New Mexicans and in the operations of the
state's businesses, ranches and farms; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a vested and significant interest
in the continued vitality of general aviation, the aerospace
industry, aircraft and aircraft systems manufacturing, aviation
education institutions, charter flight businesses, community
airports and airport operators that provide jobs and economic
growth statewide; and

WHEREAS, according to the department of transportation's
New Mexico airport system plan update 2009, aviation in New
Mexico supports nearly fifty thousand jobs, generates over one

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1 billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) in payroll annually and
2 produces over three billion dollars (\$3,000,000,000) in
3 economic activity in New Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, given New Mexico's size and geography, many
5 businesses and communities depend on aviation of all types for
6 mobility, medical and emergency transport, education,
7 agriculture, economic opportunity, search and rescue activities
8 and a wide range of critical resources; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich heritage of military
10 aviation and hosts and supports three major United States air
11 force bases; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico's general aviation airports house
13 three air tanker bases that provide crucial firefighting
14 response capabilities in New Mexico and adjoining states; and

15 WHEREAS, aircraft-related manufacturing, testing and
16 research and development businesses and organizations are
17 integral to the aviation economy of New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, aviation-related tourism brings in over sixty-one
19 million dollars (\$61,000,000) to New Mexico each year, and many
20 of the state's communities depend heavily upon aviation and
21 airports for a continued flow of commerce, tourists and
22 visitors; and

23 WHEREAS, organizations such as the New Mexico pilots
24 association, the New Mexico airport managers' association, the
25 experimental aircraft association, the aircraft owners and

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1 pilots association, the alliance for aviation across America,
2 the national business aviation association, the national
3 association of state aviation officials and the national air
4 transportation association recognize and promote the interests
5 and importance of aviation in New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico's centennial celebrations included
7 recognition of the following aspects of the state's rich
8 aviation heritage: the first use of military aviation in
9 warfare; the first aerial demonstration at New Mexico's first
10 state fair; the flying farmers' key role in the first
11 transcontinental air transport route; the world's largest
12 balloon festival in Albuquerque; the vital military training
13 undertaken in New Mexico; Charles Lindbergh's development of
14 aerial archaeology; Felix Baumgartner's historic balloon ascent
15 and supersonic free fall into New Mexico; and the legacies of
16 aviators such as William Cutter, who flew the first air
17 ambulance in 1928;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the contribution that general aviation
20 has made in New Mexico's history and economy be recognized; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature recognize,
22 encourage and support the efforts of all who contribute to and
23 participate in aviation of all kinds throughout this land of
24 enchantment; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the New Mexico pilots association, the New
2 Mexico airport managers' association, the experimental aircraft
3 association, the aircraft owners and pilots association, the
4 alliance for aviation across America, the national business
5 aviation association, the national association of state
6 aviation officials and the national air transportation
7 association.

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