

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 49

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE MAY 24 OF EACH YEAR AS  
"AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was born on May 24, 1869;  
and

WHEREAS, in 1902, Charles Edward Taylor began working as a  
machinist for Orville and Wilbur Wright at the Wright cycle  
company in Dayton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, within six weeks, Charles Edward Taylor, using  
only a lathe and drill press, built the first engine used to  
power the Wright flyer; and

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor's ingenuity earned him a  
place in aviation history when the Wright brothers successfully  
flew their airplane on December 17, 1903; and

WHEREAS, after this historic event, Charles Edward Taylor

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1 continued to design engines for the Wright brothers and later  
2 taught them to build aircraft engines; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1908, Charles Edward Taylor accompanied  
4 Orville Wright to Fort Meyer, Virginia, for test flights by the  
5 United States government and, in 1909, accompanied Wilbur  
6 Wright to New York for the Hudson-Fulton flights; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor served as lead mechanic for  
8 Calbraith "Cal" Rodgers, who made his first transcontinental  
9 flight in 1911; and

10 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor had a successful career in  
11 aviation maintenance for more than sixty years; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was honored by the federal  
13 aviation administration with the establishment of the Charles  
14 Edward Taylor master mechanic award, which recognizes persons  
15 with fifty years or more of aviation maintenance experience;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor died in 1956;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the life and memory of Charles Edward  
20 Taylor be honored and that appreciation be expressed for the  
21 invaluable contributions he made to aviation; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor designate May 24  
23 of each year as "aviation maintenance technician day" in New  
24 Mexico in honor of Charles Edward Taylor; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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