

Senate Resolution 292

By: Senators Clay of the 37th, Thompson of the 33rd, Tanksley of the 32nd, Collins of the 6th, Lamutt of the 21st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the centennial of powered flight; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Senate is pleased to join citizens across the state, our nation, and the world
3 in celebrating the centennial of powered flight; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Wilbur and Orville Wright built the first true aircraft and made the world's first
5 manned, powered, sustained, and controlled flight in a heavier-than-air machine near Kitty
6 Hawk, North Carolina, on the morning of December 17, 1903, and, as the result of their
7 tenacity, creativity, and courage, a new industry was born and a new way of life followed;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, the airplane dramatically changed not only transportation, but commerce,
10 communication, and warfare throughout the world; and
- 11 WHEREAS, aviation in Georgia, which began with the 1907 flight of Ben T. Epps in an
12 airplane of his own design, has become an important part of life and industry in the state; and
- 13 WHEREAS, aviation is a unique, specialized, and highly technical industry of vital
14 importance to the state's economy, image, and future advancement, bringing in the brightest
15 minds in the country and billions of dollars in revenues to numerous aviation manufacturing
16 and service companies and providing the highest quality jobs to thousands of Georgians for
17 more than four generations; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the aviation industry in the state is on the cutting edge of aerospace technology,
19 with Georgians today building the United States Air Force's first fighter of the 21st century,
20 the Lockheed Martin F/A-22 Raptor, and the advanced Gulfstream V business jet; and

1 WHEREAS, Georgia is the home of the Lockheed Martin C-130 Hercules airlifter, flown by
2 more than 65 countries around the world and produced on the longest continuous military
3 aircraft production line in United States history; and

4 WHEREAS, Georgia has a long history of involvement with United States military aviation
5 and today is home to some of the most sophisticated military aircraft serving the armed
6 forces of the United States with dedicated soldiers, sailors, and airmen flying and
7 maintaining those aircraft at bases across the state; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia is the aviation crossroads of the United States and also for much of the
9 globe with Delta Air Lines, one of the world's biggest air carriers having its home base at the
10 busiest airport in the world, Atlanta's Hartsfield International; and

11 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commemorate and celebrate the legacy of the Wright
12 brothers and to encourage a new generation of inventors, innovators, and dreamers.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
14 recognize, commemorate, and celebrate the centennial of powered flight and the many
15 contributions that the aerospace industry has made and continues to make to this great state.