

House Resolution 560

By: Representatives Barnes of the 84th, Post 2, Dodson of the 84th, Post 1, Buckner of the 82nd, Wix of the 33rd, Post 1, Coleman of the 118th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Charlie Taylor, recognizing representatives of the aircraft
2 maintenance technicians for Delta and other carriers, and inviting them to appear before the
3 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Charles (Charlie) Edward Taylor was born on May 24, 1869; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1902, Charlie Taylor began working as a machinist for the Wright Brothers
6 in their bicycle shop in Dayton, Ohio; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he designed and built the engine for the Wright Brothers' "1903 Wright Flyer"
8 in six weeks, using the most rudimentary tools; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he designed and manufactured other important components and parts for the
10 1903 Wright Flyer; and
- 11 WHEREAS, his skill, workmanship, and ingenuity has earned him the rightful place
12 alongside the Wright Brothers for building the first successful engine to power a manned
13 aircraft flight on December 17, 1903; and
- 14 WHEREAS, after that historic event, Charlie Taylor continued to design and build engines
15 for the Wright Brothers and later taught them to build aircraft engines; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Charlie Taylor served as lead mechanic for the first transcontinental flight by
17 Calbraith "Cal" Rodgers in 1911; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Charlie Taylor had a pioneering and successful career in aviation maintenance
19 spanning more than 60 years; and

1 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration has honored Charlie Taylor by establishing
2 the "Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award" which recognizes 50 years or more of
3 individual meritorious aviation maintenance experience and contribution to safe aircraft
4 operations; and

5 WHEREAS, Charlie Taylor died in 1956; and

6 WHEREAS, from Charlie Taylor's day to present, aircraft maintenance technicians have
7 followed in his footsteps with pride, integrity, skill, and workmanship in the performance of
8 their duty as they maintain all types of aircraft.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Charlie Taylor and express their
11 appreciation for his contributions to the first manned powered flight and to aviation
12 maintenance.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body recognize the contributions
14 of the thousands of aviation maintenance technicians across the state who have dedicated
15 themselves, through their profession, to the safe operation of aircraft from the smallest
16 private plane to the largest planes in the air carrier fleet.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives of the aircraft maintenance technicians
18 for Delta and other carriers are invited to appear before the House of Representatives on a
19 day and at a time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the supervisors of the
22 aircraft maintenance departments for Delta and other carriers.