

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes March 2022 as Women in Aviation and  
Aerospace Month in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize March 2022 as Women in Aviation and Aerospace Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, women have been an integral part of aviation since the Wright brothers'  
4 first flight in 1903; and

5 WHEREAS, indeed, it was Katharine Wright, the sister of Orville and Wilbur  
6 Wright, who helped finance the research and development that made the Wright brothers'  
7 first flight possible; and

8 WHEREAS, since 1903, women have performed and set records in many facets of  
9 aviation, and several of these women had notable connections to the state of Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, for example, in 1911, Harriet Quimby became the first woman pilot in  
11 the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, in the same year, Matilde Moisant became the second woman pilot in  
13 the United States, and Ms. Moisant was a sister of John Moisant, the person after whom the  
14 original Moisant Field in New Orleans was named; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1931, Mary Haizlip set the speed record for women's aviation at 255  
16 miles per hour in an airplane designed and built in Patterson, Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, among her other accomplishments, Ms. Haizlip was the first pilot to use  
18 100-octane fuel; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1937, the legendary Amelia Earhart, who held many aviation records  
20 pertaining to speed and distance, landed and overnighted at Shushan Airport in New Orleans

1 in the early days of her fateful round-the-world flight with a navigator who learned to fly in  
2 New Orleans; and

3 WHEREAS, since the dawn of aviation, women have made historic gains; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1931, women held two percent of all pilot licenses in the United  
5 States; in 2020, women held five percent of all such licenses; and

6 WHEREAS, similarly, in 2022, women hold positions in aircraft and engine  
7 manufacturing; aeronautical and aerospace engineering; aircraft maintenance; airport  
8 management; and in the aviation field in the personal, commercial, corporate, government,  
9 and military realms; and

10 WHEREAS, women pilots are members of organizations such as the Ninety-Nines  
11 and the International Organization of Women Pilots, both of which represent women  
12 aviators; and

13 WHEREAS, women pilots in Louisiana serve as mentors and role models to young  
14 girls, introduce aviation to potential pilots, and use aviation to instill an interest in fields such  
15 as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize March 2022 as Women in Aviation and  
18 Aerospace Month in Louisiana and does hereby commend the women in the aviation and  
19 aerospace industries for their manifold contributions to the state.

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#### DIGEST

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