

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 1937, the legendary Amelia Earhart, who held many aviation records pertaining to speed and distance, landed and overnighted at Shushan Airport in New Orleans in the early days of her fateful round-the-world flight with a navigator who learned to fly in New Orleans; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES