

Senators Colbeck, Robertson, Gregory, Marleau, Brandenburg, Anderson, Bieda, Green, Booher, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Schuitmaker, Proos, Moolenaar and Pappageorge offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 18.

A resolution recognizing February 27 - March 5, 2011, as Michigan Aviation Week.

Whereas, We are in the 21st century, moving further into the air age and a global economy, and airport infrastructure is critical for our economy to compete in today's marketplace; and

Whereas, Michigan's geography as a peninsula makes aviation necessary for the fast and efficient transport of people, goods, and services; and

Whereas, Nearly 1 billion pounds of air cargo are carried into the state annually to support Michigan businesses; and

Whereas, General aviation contributes \$19 billion annually to our state economy; and

Whereas, Our businesses, industries, and foreign firms need reliable runways, taxiways, and navigational systems for the conducting of their business; and

Whereas, Michigan boasts 235 public-use airports, serving 17,500 pilots and 7,000 general aviation aircraft; and

Whereas, More than 1,000 Michigan companies, employing 1 million people, operate their own aircraft; and

Whereas, Michigan is home to 53 charter flight companies, 119 repair stations, and 70 flight schools; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That February 27 - March 5, 2011, be hereby recognized as Michigan Aviation Week.