

Senator Schmidt offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 154.

A resolution recognizing March 13-19, 2016, as 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 234 public-use airports, serving over 13,550 pilots and 6,500 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 66 licensed flight schools; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That March 13-19, 2016, be hereby recognized as Aviation Week.