

Senators Schmidt, Hansen, Shirkey, MacGregor, Knezek, Bieda, Hopgood, Warren, Green, Colbeck, Young, Proos, Horn, Marleau, Casperson, Hildenbrand, Pavlov, Stamas, Hune, Gregory, Hertel, Conyers, Zorn, Jones, Knollenberg and Emmons offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 21.

A resolution recognizing March 13-19, 2017, 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, 2017, be hereby recognized as Aviation Week.