

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99

Senators Stamas, Irwin and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate December 2021 as Kalitta Charters
2 Appreciation Month.

3 Whereas, Since January 1, 2007, Kalitta Charters' flight crews
4 have been exclusively tasked with one of the most challenging but
5 critical aviation missions in the country, one that comes with an
6 immense emotional toll, the dignified transfer home of America's
7 fallen heroes, without fail; and

8 Whereas, After two decades of perpetual war, Kalitta Charters,
9 a family-owned charter and aviation services company located at
10 Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, Michigan, has flown over 2,600
11 missions to bring our fallen sons and daughters home; and

1 Whereas, Through the dedication of Kalitta Charters' pilots,
2 staff, and maintenance teams, four Falcon 20 jets were modified to
3 begin the "Dignified Transfer Missions"; and

4 Whereas, The maintenance members of Kalitta Charters helped
5 design the first system to load and unload American fallen heroes
6 in a way that was dignified to them and the sacrifice they made for
7 our country; and

8 Whereas, The number one objective of Kalitta Charters' pilots
9 is to return American fallen heroes home to their families and
10 friends as quickly and as dignified as possible; and

11 Whereas, Additionally, Kalitta Charters' pilots and aircraft
12 serve as backup for any commercial flight carrying American fallen
13 heroes, ensuring our nation's bravest get to their family and
14 friends with few interruptions; and

15 Whereas, Kalitta Charters' pilots work and operate these
16 missions with heavy hearts and somber demeanors; and

17 Whereas, Kalitta Charters' patriotism, hard work, and
18 dedication to things bigger than themselves have set them apart
19 from other companies in Michigan; and

20 Whereas, We thank Kalitta Charters for its service to the
21 United States Armed Forces and those men and women who made the
22 ultimate sacrifice to protect this country; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
24 body designate December 2021 as Kalitta Charters Appreciation
25 Month; and be it further

26 Resolved, That we offer this expression of our tribute to
27 honor Kalitta Charters; and be it further

28 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
29 Kalitta Charters as evidence of our highest esteem.