

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 99

Offered by Senators Stamas, Irwin and Wojno

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE DECEMBER 2021 AS KALITTA CHARTERS APPRECIATION MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

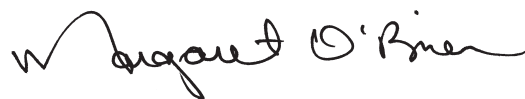
WHEREAS, We thank Kalitta Charters for its service to the United States Armed Forces and those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect this country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body designate December 2021 as Kalitta Charters Appreciation Month; and be it further

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

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

Adopted by the Senate, December 8, 2021.



Secretary of the Senate