

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99

Senators Stamas and Irwin 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

12           Whereas, Through the dedication of Kalitta Charters' pilots,

1 staff, and maintenance teams, four Falcon 20 jets were modified to  
2 begin the "Dignified Transfer Missions"; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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