

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

Reps. Frisbie, Andrews, Alexander, Dievendorf, Fox, Glanville, MacDonell, Rheingans, Rogers and Wilson offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 24, 2025, as National Aviation
2 Maintenance Technician Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, May 24 is observed to commemorate the work of
4 aviation maintenance professionals; and

5 Whereas, National AMT Day is an opportunity to celebrate the
6 many contributions AMTs have made to the aviation industry and
7 recognizes the important tasks carried out by AMTs every day; and

8 Whereas, National AMT Day was selected in honor of Charles
9 Edward Taylor's birthday, who worked with the Wright Brothers and
10 built the engine used to power their airplane; and

11 Whereas, Today, our nation's AMTs are responsible for ensuring

1 the safety and mechanical reliability and support of thousands of
2 aircraft every day and have a critical role in keeping millions of
3 people safe each year; and

4 Whereas, AMTs are responsible for servicing aircraft, aircraft
5 engines, and aircraft components, as well as avionics systems
6 according to airline and FAA specifications. They also perform
7 inspections during assembly of parts and after repair or
8 installation of components, document maintenance procedures
9 including component damage, origin, and condition. AMTs also
10 practice safety-conscious behaviors in all operational processes
11 and procedures; and

12 Whereas, The need for highly skilled aviation professionals
13 such as AMTs continues to grow. Boeing projects that commercial
14 carriers will need 690,000 new AMTs to maintain the global
15 commercial aviation fleet over the next 20 years; and

16 Whereas, Airlines have established partnerships with
17 Maintenance Training programs across the U.S., including several
18 prominent institutions here in Michigan. These include Lansing
19 Community College, MIAT College of Technology in Canton, and
20 Western Michigan University's College of Aviation located at W.K.
21 Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek.

22 Whereas, Battle Creek is home to Duncan Aviation's Technical
23 Education Center, which offers a Department of Labor-registered
24 apprenticeship program, and the Calhoun Area Career Center, which
25 provides aviation exploration opportunities for high school
26 students. These programs collectively provide hands-on training,
27 career guidance, and direct employment pathways, making Michigan a
28 strategic hub for workforce development in aviation maintenance;

1 and

2 Whereas, AMTs are among the aviation industry's top talent,
3 with competitive compensation. The top 10% of aircraft mechanics
4 earn over \$120,000 annually, and many AMTs can expect to earn
5 \$100,000 or more within five to eight years, depending on
6 experience and employer; and

7 Whereas, Airlines will need to have a multi-pronged
8 recruitment and professional development effort to help identify,
9 source, and support the next generation of AMTs; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
12 this legislative body declare May 24, 2025, as National AMT Day in
13 the state of Michigan; and be it further

14 Resolved, That we recognize the contributions of these
15 important airline professionals and the need to shine a continued
16 spotlight on these important aviation careers now and into the
17 future.