



RESOLUTION

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

By the Honorable Jean Fuller, 16th Senatorial District;
the Honorable Joel Anderson, 38th Senatorial District;
the Honorable Anthony Cannella, 12th Senatorial District;
the Honorable Ted Gaines, 1st Senatorial District;
the Honorable Bob Huff, 29th Senatorial District;
the Honorable Richard D. Roth, 31st Senatorial District;
the Honorable Jim Frazier, 11th Assembly District;
the Honorable Shannon L. Grove, 34th Assembly District;
the Honorable David Hadley, 66th Assembly District;
the Honorable Brian W. Jones, 71st Assembly District;
the Honorable Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr., 59th Assembly District;
the Honorable Tom Lackey, 36th Assembly District;
the Honorable Jim Patterson, 23rd Assembly District;
and the Honorable Marie Waldron, 75th Assembly District;
Relative to

Aviation Awareness Month

WHEREAS, General aviation makes a significant contribution to the national economy and to the economy of every state in the United States, supporting more than 1.2 million jobs, many of them in small and medium-sized businesses, and generating \$150 billion in economic activity each year; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, many of the 5,200 general aviation airports are located at the center of clusters of small and medium-sized businesses and communities that are driving the nation's economic recovery, in relation to which, general aviation is disproportionately important because it touches so many sectors of the economy; and

WHEREAS, Characterized in certain contexts as "toys for the rich," private aircraft help businesses create and maintain jobs and represent vital tools that allow business to operate and thrive; and

WHEREAS, In addition, general aviation aircraft are used by, among many others, law enforcement officers, medical professionals, and disaster relief personnel, around the clock, to reach and assist people in need; researchers, to gather data and map terrain in efforts to help governments, businesses, and nongovernmental organizations to improve and protect the quality of life; America's agriculture industry, in its efforts to feed and clothe a hungry world; and the nation's public utilities, to install and maintain infrastructure vital to keeping the nation functioning; and

WHEREAS, Despite the vital purposes for which general aviation aircraft are employed, insufficient funding of Federal Aviation Administration operations and airport and airspace infrastructure imposes challenges to the ability of general aviation operators to operate effectively; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, general aviation faces increasing and onerous security regulations, and planning and zoning pressures and urban encroachment contribute to reducing the number and availability of airports throughout California and the United States, which annually reduces the number of airports available to public and private users; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR JEAN FULLER AND THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEMBERS, That they acknowledge the vital role that general aviation plays in the economy, health, safety, and protection of the nation, and recognize the month of April 2015 as Aviation Awareness Month.

Joint Member Resolution No. 221
Dated this 13th day of April, 2015.

Honorable Jean Fuller
16th Senatorial District
(On behalf of the above Members)

