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H. RES. 1669

Congratulating the National Air Transportation Association for celebrating its 70th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the National Air Transportation Association for celebrating its 70th anniversary.

Whereas the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) was founded 70 years ago on December 28, 1940, with 83 charter member companies who were instrumental in saving the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP);

Whereas, on December 27, 1938, the CPTP was formed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt who approved a Civil Aeronautics Authority plan to boost the private flying industry by annually teaching 20,000 college students to fly;

Whereas the CPTP saved the flagging general aviation industry by training thousands of new pilots which stimulated the manufacture of new aircraft;

Whereas, on December 13, 1940, the Federal Government grounded all private flying in the United States for the duration of the war;

Whereas in 1940, NATA was instrumental in working with Congress and reversing the Government approach to civilian aviation and not only saved the CTPT, but was largely responsible for saving the entire general aviation industry;

Whereas the current general aviation industry owes much to the foresight and resiliency of the founders of NATA, William A. Ong and Leslie H. Bowman, the association's first two presidents, as well as George E. Haddaway, John L. Gaylord, and others who played a strong role in the organization's formation;

Whereas the general aviation industry represents millions of jobs and contributes \$150,000,000,000 to the United States economy;

Whereas today NATA represents over 2,000 member companies that own, operate, or service aircraft and provide for the needs of the traveling public by offering services and products to aircraft operators and others such as fuel sales, aircraft maintenance, parts sales, storage, rental airline servicing, flight training, Part 135 on demand air charter, fractional aircraft program management, and scheduled commuter operations for smaller aircraft;

Whereas NATA continues to represent the legislative, regulatory, and business interests of general aviation businesses;

Whereas NATA provides education, services, and benefits to its members to ensure their long-term economic success;

Whereas NATA is dedicated to establishing programs to improve general aviation safety; and

Whereas NATA established the Air Charter Safety Foundation to continuously enhance the safety and security practices of charter and shared aircraft owners and operators in the United States and worldwide: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the National Air Transportation Association for celebrating its 70th anniversary;

3 (2) applauds the National Air Transportation Association for creating programs and resources to enhance the safety of general aviation operators; and

4 (3) commends the National Air Transportation Association for being instrumental in bolstering the general aviation industry during a time of turmoil in the 1940s.

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