

House Resolution

No. 82

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson

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House Resolution No. 82—Relative to California Aerospace and Aviation Days.

1 WHEREAS, Commercial aviation provides to California
2 considerable economic and employment contributions of \$171.2
3 billion and 1.1 million jobs, with general aviation alone creating
4 an economic impact of \$30.2 billion; and

5 WHEREAS, There are 26,797 Federal Aviation Administration
6 registered aircrafts, and 59,929 certified pilots in the state, with
7 numerous aviation facilities that include 22 military airfields and
8 673 state-permitted aviation facilities, and

9 WHEREAS, California's 242 public-use airports further act as
10 staging areas for emergency response activities in the case of major
11 catastrophic events, which assist in lifesaving and firefighting
12 operations that rely on aircraft to transport equipment and supplies,
13 deploy personnel, and provide reconnaissance and more; and

14 WHEREAS, The California aerospace industry is a powerful
15 and reliable source of employment, innovation, and export income,
16 directly employing approximately 95,090 people and supporting
17 more than 258,900 jobs in related fields, resulting in \$3.5 billion
18 in annual state and local tax revenues; and

19 WHEREAS, California is renowned for its aerospace workforce,
20 suppliers, and services; with particular acclaim for its Mars
21 landings, the space shuttle, the B-2 stealth bomber, and the
22 development of Global Positioning Systems (GPS); and

1 WHEREAS, According to the report entitled “The Economic
2 Impact of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration in the United
3 States,” by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems
4 International (AUVSI), California is forecast to be the top state in
5 the nation as the adoption of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)
6 increases, with more than 18,000 jobs and over \$14 billion in
7 economic impact created in the first decade after UAS integration
8 into the airspace; and

9 WHEREAS, California is home to many superb sites of air and
10 space activity, including the National Aeronautics and Space
11 Administration’s Ames Research Center, Neil A. Armstrong Flight
12 Research Center, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Los Angeles Air Force
13 Base, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Edwards Air Force Base, Naval
14 Base Ventura County, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake,
15 and Mojave Air and Space Port; and

16 WHEREAS, California will continue to lead in aerospace and
17 aviation education through its superb science, technology,
18 engineering, and mathematics education programs and world-class
19 research universities, and thus will continue to lead the world with
20 the innovation that enabled advanced meteorological forecasting,
21 GPS, next-gen tools for air traffic management, green aviation,
22 sophisticated wind tunnels and test facilities, and advanced
23 supercomputing and robotics; and

24 WHEREAS, The Aerospace States Association-California
25 Chapter, the Association of California Airports, and AUVSI are
26 sponsoring several days of events to highlight the contributions of
27 the aerospace and aviation community in California; now,
28 therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
30 Assembly recognizes the contributions of the aerospace and
31 aviation industries to the history, economy, security, and
32 educational system of California, its communities, and its citizens
33 by proclaiming the days of February 24, 2020, to February 26,
34 2020, inclusive, as California Aerospace and Aviation Days; and
35 be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the authors for appropriate distribution.