



2013 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 18

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1 **Relating to:** commending the Honor Flight Network and its volunteers.

2 Whereas, Honor Flights were created as a way to pay tribute to our veterans
3 by providing them a trip to visit the memorials that honor them in Washington, D.C.;
4 and

5 Whereas, the inaugural honor flight took place in May 2005 when six small
6 planes flew out of Springfield, Ohio, taking 12 World War II veterans to our nation's
7 capital; and

8 Whereas, since the first honor flight, the Honor Flight Network has grown to
9 130 hubs providing flights to veterans from 42 states; and

10 Whereas, more than 100,000 veterans have flown on honor flights; and

11 Whereas, thousands of Wisconsin veterans have taken honor flights since the
12 flights first began in our state in 2008, and hundreds of Wisconsin veterans are on
13 waiting lists for future flights; and

14 Whereas, six hubs honor Wisconsin veterans: Never Forgotten Honor Flight,
15 serving the Wausau area; Old Glory Honor Flight, serving the Appleton area; Badger

1 Honor Flight, serving the Madison area; Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, serving the
2 Milwaukee area; Freedom Honor Flight, serving the La Crosse area; and Honor
3 Flight Northland, serving northwestern Wisconsin; and

4 Whereas, volunteers operate Wisconsin honor flights, serve on the boards of
5 each hub, organize the flights, and raise money, including at least \$600 per veteran
6 per flight to Washington, D.C.; and

7 Whereas, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day; and

8 Whereas, honor flights are being offered first to WWII veterans, then to Korean
9 War veterans and Vietnam War veterans; and

10 Whereas, *Honor Flight: One Last Mission*, by Freethink Media, is an
11 award-winning documentary that illustrates the importance of honor flights and
12 pays tribute to our war veterans; now, therefore, be it

13 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the Wisconsin assembly honors and
14 expresses its gratitude to the Honor Flight Network and to its volunteers for their
15 countless hours, passionate service, and unwavering commitment to salute our war
16 heroes with one more tour of honor.

17 (END)