



State of Wisconsin
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2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 28

March 31, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives WARD, UNDERHEIM, KRUG, STONE, KRAWCZYK, ALBERS, LADWIG, VAN ROY and BIES, cosponsored by Senators S. FITZGERALD, COWLES, SCHULTZ, LAZICH and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** designating May 24th of every year as Aircraft Maintenance
2 Technician Day in Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, aircraft maintenance technicians are all too often the unsung heroes
4 whose achievements and importance are overlooked; and, without the dedicated
5 work of aircraft maintenance professionals, the safe air travel that we take for
6 granted would not be possible; and

7 Whereas, although just about every child knows who Orville and Wilbur Wright
8 were, most have never heard of Charles Edward Taylor, the unsung hero who was
9 the first aircraft mechanic. On April 30, 1903, at the Wright Brother's Bicycle Shop
10 in Dayton, Ohio, Charles Edward Taylor began working on the first engine built for
11 Orville and Wilbur Wright's airplane named "The Flyer." Mr. Taylor pioneered
12 uncharted theories of engine design by using only a lathe and drill press to construct
13 a 4-cylinder piston engine, weighing 179 pounds and producing 12 horsepower, in
14 just 6 weeks; and

1 Whereas, on the morning of December 17, 1903, at the base of Kill Devil Hills,
2 south of the village of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the Wright Brothers made
3 aviation history by successfully flying the first powered airplane. This achievement
4 would not have been possible if it were not for Charles Edward Taylor, the first
5 aircraft mechanic in powered flight — the man responsible for building and
6 maintaining the first aircraft engines; and

7 Whereas, Wisconsin has deep roots in aviation. It is home to *Aircraft*
8 *Maintenance Technology* magazine — the industry’s leading maintenance
9 publication and the only maintenance magazine that is approved by the Federal
10 Aviation Administration for recurrency training for mechanics. It is also home to the
11 Experimental Aircraft Association, which hosts the largest aircraft fly-in in the
12 United States each summer. This event is supported and attended by aircraft
13 mechanics, pilots, and enthusiasts from throughout the world and brings in millions
14 of dollars to Wisconsin’s economy each year. Wisconsin is also home to
15 Milwaukee-based Midwest Express Airlines and Appleton-based regional airline
16 Wisconsin Airlines; now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature of
18 the state of Wisconsin proclaims May 24th of every year as Aircraft Maintenance
19 Technician Day in Wisconsin.

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