



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 37

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming the Wisconsin Centennial of Flight.

2 Whereas, on November 4, 1909, Arthur P. Warner made the first controlled
3 flight of an airplane in Wisconsin, flying his Curtiss airplane in Beloit, Wisconsin;
4 and

5 Whereas, Arthur P. Warner was the first individual American to purchase an
6 airplane and the eleventh American to pilot an airplane; and

7 Whereas, November 4, 2009, marks Wisconsin's Centennial of Flight; and

8 Whereas, aviation has played a vital role in Wisconsin's history both in peace
9 and wartime with prominent leaders including World War I Air Corps Commander
10 General Billy Mitchell, Air Racing Champion Steve Wittman, World War II Ace of
11 Aces Major Richard I. Bong, Experimental Aircraft Association founder Paul
12 Poberezny plus many others; and

13 Whereas, the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, as the premier Wisconsin
14 aviation historical organization, has the mission to collect, preserve, and share the
15 history of aviation in Wisconsin and to honor Wisconsin's aviation heroes, is

1 organizing a statewide commemoration of Wisconsin's Centennial of Flight by
2 publicizing the event in the state's media, helping local aviation, historical, and
3 educational organizations to participate in the event, creating and displaying
4 around the state a special historical exhibit on Warner's flight, and sponsoring the
5 construction of a quarter-scale model of Warner's airplane to accompany the exhibit;
6 and

7 Whereas, the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame is sponsoring, along with
8 organizations in the Beloit area, including EAA Chapter 60, the Beloit Convention
9 and Visitors Bureau, the Beloit Historical Society, and the Beloit Area School
10 District, numerous commemorative and educational events in the Beloit area during
11 the first week of November 2009, including the rededication of the A.P. Warner
12 historical marker, a reenactment of Warner's flight, a special exhibit at the Beloit
13 Historical Society, a lecture by a distinguished aviation scholar, and programs in the
14 local schools, now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
16 legislature proclaims the month of November 2009, Centennial of Flight Month in
17 the state of Wisconsin, and encourages all citizens of this state to participate in
18 Centennial of Flight celebrations.

19 (END)