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State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

2	Whereas, Paul Poberezny, the founder of the Experimental Aircraft
3	Association, was born on September 14, 1921; and
4	Whereas, Paul piloted his first aircraft at the age of 15, the first aircraft he ever
5	rode in, which was a single-seat glider he restored himself; and
6	Whereas, Paul was a veteran who served during World War II as a flight
7	instructor in the Army and later became a member of the Wisconsin Air National
8	Guard and flew a C-47 cargo plane during the Korean War; and
9	Whereas, in 1953 Paul founded the EAA by bringing a group of aviation
10	enthusiasts together in the basement of his home in Milwaukee; and
11	Whereas, with Paul's leadership, the EAA has grown into a worldwide
12	organization with over 180,000 members and approximately 1,000 chapters; and
13	Whereas, the EAA's first yearly "fly-in" was held in September 1953 with 22
14	aircraft, and the event grew into the EAA "AirVenture," which now annually brings

Relating to: the life and public service of Paul Poberezny.

1	together close to 10,000 aircraft and over 500,000 aviation enthusiasts, who refer to
2	the event as "Oshkosh"; and
3	Whereas, the EAA, now located in Oshkosh, operates the EAA AirVenture
4	Museum and displays over 200 historic planes; and
5	Whereas, Paul's final flight was in April 2012 on one of his favorite planes, a
6	vintage B–17 bomber; and
7	Whereas, Paul passed away at the age of 91 on August 22, 2013, in Oshkosh
8	now, therefore, be it
9	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature
10	commends the life and public service of Paul Poberezny and mourns his passing.
11	(END)