



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

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

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

