

**As Adopted by the Senate**

**133rd General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 206**

**Senator McColley**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Walter Hinton Airfield on its celebration of  
the One Hundredth Anniversary of the first  
transatlantic flight.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the Walter Hinton 2  
Airfield on the occasion of its air show and fly-in to commemorate 3  
the One Hundredth Anniversary of the first transatlantic flight; 4  
and 5

WHEREAS, In May 1919, members of the U.S. Navy, including Van 6  
Wert native Walter Hinton, flew a Curtiss NC flying boat across 7  
the Atlantic Ocean, successfully completing the first 8  
transatlantic flight in human history. This important occasion 9  
represents the ability of humanity to overcome barriers and shows 10  
that our future is truly limitless, and it is only fitting that 11  
the Walter Hinton Airfield, formerly the Van Wert County Regional 12  
Airport, celebrates the centennial of this event; and 13

WHEREAS, Ohio has long played an important role in the 14  
history of aviation, with numerous innovators and luminaries 15  
calling our state home, and any chance to celebrate the 16  
contributions Ohioans have made to this important industry is 17  
worthy of recognition. By organizing an air show and a fly-in, in 18  
addition to the rededication of the airport to honor the legacy of 19  
Walter Hinton, the Walter Hinton Airfield has committed to 20  
preserving our state's unique history; and 21

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Walter Hinton Airfield has 22  
diligently served the Van Wert County community, which has in turn 23  
tirelessly supported the airport. This rededication and 24

celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the first 25  
transatlantic flight represent the lasting investment the airfield 26  
has made in the area, and we are certain it will continue to build 27  
upon its record of success well into the future; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 29  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, celebrate 30  
the Walter Hinton Airfield on its air show and fly-in 31  
commemorating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the first 32  
transatlantic flight and salute it as one of Ohio's finest 33  
institutions; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Walter Hinton 36  
Airfield. 37