

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 876

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Herbert W. "Bill" Powley upon his induction into the Flight Instructor Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as professionals and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Lieutenant Colonel Herbert W. "Bill" Powley, U.S. Air Force (Retired), who was recently selected for inclusion in the Flight Instructor Hall of Fame by the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI), a most befitting recognition of his outstanding abilities; and

WHEREAS, with his induction, Lieutenant Colonel Bill Powley joins an elite group of individuals who have been recognized for their significant contributions to flight instruction; and

WHEREAS, NAFI Chairperson Karen Kalishek noted that Lieutenant Colonel Powley's "lifelong dedication to flight instruction and aviation safety has touched thousands of lives and serves as an inspiration to flight instructors everywhere"; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Bill Powley graduated from the Air Force Academy and served more than twenty-three years as a fighter pilot, flight instructor, and test pilot, including two tours in Vietnam flying 347 missions in the F-4 and A-7 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from the Air Force in 1991, he continued to share his passion for aviation by volunteering his time to train pilots; he also founded the FLIGHT Foundation (Flight Lesson Instructional Grants Helping Teens) and has personally raised more than \$1.9 million in support of the foundation and has flown almost 12,000 students on more than 4,000 discovery flights, most of which were free; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Powley has been an active member and leader in many aviation organizations, including the Soaring Society of America, the Experimental Aircraft Association, and NAFI; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, in 2010, he received the A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Science Teacher of the Year Award from the National Aviation Hall of Fame; in addition, the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame created a special award to recognize him that same year, naming him the Tennessee Aviation Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Lieutenant Colonel Bill Powley received Tennessee's highest aviation recognition, the Career Contributions to Aviation Award, and in 2013, he was inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Powley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Bill Powley is an eminent leader in the field of flight instruction, and we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud him for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Herbert W. "Bill" Powley upon his induction into the Flight Instructor Hall of Fame by the National Association of Flight Instructors, commend his ongoing commitment to the highest tenets of aviation, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.