

No. R-515. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the landing in Springfield of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh in the Spirit of St. Louis.

(H.C.R.399)

Offered by: Representative Martin of Springfield, Dakin of Chester and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, in the summer of 1927, Col. Charles Lindbergh was flying the Spirit of St. Louis, the famous little plane which he flew solo across the Atlantic, on a tour of the United States to promote aviation, and

Whereas, Springfield was selected as the only Vermont stop on his national tour, and the presence in Springfield of an airport and of former Vermont Gov. James Hartness, himself an aviation enthusiast and pilot, may have persuaded the famous aviator to select Springfield, and

Whereas, Gov. Hartness organized a meeting to prepare for this special guest's arrival, and members of the National Guard, war veterans, and police officers as well as local volunteers were all part of the contingent of people on hand to assist in event preparations and logistics, and

Whereas, large stands were constructed to accommodate many spectators with provisions made for amplified sound, an unusual occurrence in 1927 Vermont, and

Whereas, at approximately 2:00 p.m. on July 26, the Spirit of St. Louis appeared in the sky, and

Whereas, upon his landing, a tired-looking Col. Charles Lindbergh did not smile, but after Gov. Hartness spoke to him he broke out in a grin, and

Whereas, in his remarks at the field, Col. Lindbergh spoke of Vermont's hilly terrain as ideal for flying, and at an evening banquet which 500 persons attended, Lindbergh extolled the virtues of commercial aviation, and

Whereas, Reeve Lindbergh, the Vermont author and daughter of Col. Charles Lindbergh, has purchased pavers for the Iron Bridge Memorial Garden of the Springfield Garden Club in recognition of her father's landing in Springfield, and

Whereas, on July 26, 2012, she will dedicate these pavers, and there will follow a celebration that the Springfield Garden Club and the Springfield Airport Commission will jointly sponsor at Hartness State Airport in commemoration of the 85th anniversary of Col. Charles Lindbergh's memorable landing of the Spirit of St. Louis in Springfield, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 85th anniversary of the landing in Springfield of Col. Charles Lindbergh in the Spirit of St. Louis, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Springfield Garden Club, to the Springfield Airport Commission, and to Reeve Lindbergh.