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SCR-114 Aviation Awareness Month. (2015-2016)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 114

CHAPTER 34

Relative to aviation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 114, Fuller. Aviation Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize the month of April 2016 as Aviation Awareness Month.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, General aviation in America supports more than 1.2 million jobs, many of them in small and medium-sized businesses, and generates \$150 billion in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Many of the 5,200 general aviation airports in the United States are located at the center of clusters of the small and medium-sized businesses and communities that are driving the nation's economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Private aircraft that help these businesses create and maintain jobs have been mistakenly characterized as "toys for the rich," rather than as vital tools that allow business to operate and thrive; and

WHEREAS, General aviation aircraft are used around the clock by law enforcement officers, medical professionals, disaster relief personnel, and others to reach people in need; and

WHEREAS, General aviation aircraft are also used by researchers to gather data and map terrain in efforts to help governments, businesses, and nongovernmental organizations improve and protect the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, America's agriculture industry uses general aviation in its efforts to feed and clothe a hungry world; and

WHEREAS, The nation's public utilities use general aviation to install and maintain infrastructure vital to keeping the nation functioning; and

WHEREAS, Insufficient funding of Federal Aviation Administration operations and airport and airspace infrastructure imposes challenges on the ability of general aviation operators to operate effectively; and

WHEREAS, General aviation faces increasing and onerous security regulations; and

WHEREAS, Planning and zoning pressures and urban encroachment contribute to reducing the number and availability of airports throughout California and the United States, which annually reduces the number of airports available to public and private users; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the vital role general aviation plays in the economy, health, safety, and protection of the nation, and abstains from legislation and policies that impact this industry's ability to continue to function effectively, and therefor recognizes the month of April 2016 as Aviation Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.