

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4719, by Representatives Sullivan and Pearson

WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration Western Pacific Region will participate in Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, an event honoring aviation maintenance technicians from all around the world; and

WHEREAS, This event will advance public appreciation for the significant and vital contributions of aviation maintenance technicians; and

WHEREAS, Aviation maintenance technicians are all too often unsung heroes whose achievements are overlooked; and

WHEREAS, One such unsung hero of aviation was Mr. Charles Edward Taylor; and

WHEREAS, On April 30, 1903, at the Wright Brother's Bicycle Shop in Dayton, Ohio, Charles Edward Taylor began working on the first engine built for Orville and Wilbur Wright's airplane named The Flyer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor pioneered uncharted theories of engine design by using only a lathe and drill press to construct in just six weeks a four-cylinder piston engine weighing 179 pounds and producing 12 horsepower; and

WHEREAS, On the morning of December 17, 1903, at the base of Kill Devil Hills, south of the village of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the Wright brothers made a mark in aviation history by successfully flying the first engine-powered airplane; and

WHEREAS, This incredible achievement would not have been possible were it not for Charles Edward Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight, the man who built and maintained the first aircraft engines; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration Western Pacific Region is working to bring attention to the significance of Charles Edward Taylor's achievements, and to the contributions of the aviation maintenance industry, by recognizing May 24th, Mr. Taylor's birthday, as Aviation Maintenance Technician Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor Charles Edward Taylor's achievements and contributions to the aviation maintenance industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration and Goodrich Aviation Technical Services in Everett, Washington.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4719 adopted by the House of Representatives  
March 10, 2004

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk