

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4687, by Representatives Dent, Christian, Taylor, Bronoske, Mosbrucker, Jacobsen, Ryu, Callan, Pollet, Peterson, Schmick, Goehner, Orwall, Chopp, Chapman, Sandlin, Springer, Graham, Robertson, Orcutt, Davis, Ortiz-Self, Kloba, Walsh, Fosse, Rule, Eslick, Slatter, Corry, Barkis, and Caldier

1 WHEREAS, 2024 marks the centennial of the first around the world
2 flight which originated from Washington state, departing from
3 Seattle's Sand Point Park; and

4 WHEREAS, On April 6, 1924, four Douglas World Cruisers, the
5 Seattle, New Orleans, Chicago, and Boston, embarked on a grueling
6 six-month journey to complete the first around the world flight; and

7 WHEREAS, Two crewmen operated each pontoon equipped biplane,
8 without radios, parachutes, life preservers, or rafts due to weight
9 restraints. Fortunately, the biplanes were flanked by ground and sea
10 support from the United States Navy, Coast Guard, and Bureau of
11 Fisheries; and

12 WHEREAS, The airmen covered 26,345 miles, touched down in 29
13 countries in over 76 flights, and survived five forced landings. In
14 the end, two of the four Douglas World Cruisers completed the entire
15 journey; and

16 WHEREAS, On September 28, 1924, the Chicago and the New Orleans
17 arrived at Seattle's Sand Point Park before 50,000 enthusiastic fans
18 175 days after the flight had departed; and

19 WHEREAS, To commemorate the depth and breadth of Washington
20 state's aeronautical history, Friends of Magnuson Park will host a
21 multiday event leading up to September 28, 2024;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
23 recognize and honor the many contributions made to our state by the

1 aeronautics and aviation community, and the Friends of Magnuson Park
2 for bringing this important piece of history to our attention; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
4 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives to the 2024 Planning Committee of the Friends of
6 Magnuson Park.

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8 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
9 Resolution 4687 adopted by the House of Representatives
10 February 26, 2024
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk