

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 59

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE MAY 24 OF EACH YEAR AS
"AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was born on May 24, 1869;
and

WHEREAS, in 1902, Charles Edward Taylor began working as a
machinist for Orville and Wilbur Wright at the Wright cycle
company in Dayton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, within six weeks, Charles, using only a lathe and
drill press, built the first engine used to power the Wright
flyer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor's ingenuity earned him a place in
aviation history when the Wright brothers successfully flew
their airplane on December 17, 1903; and

WHEREAS, after this historic event, he continued to design

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1 engines for the Wright brothers and later taught them to build
2 aircraft engines; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1908, Charles Edward Taylor accompanied
4 Orville Wright to Fort Meyer, Virginia, for test flights by the
5 United States government and, in 1909, accompanied Wilbur
6 Wright to New York for the Hudson-Fulton flights; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor served as lead mechanic for Calbraith
8 "Cal" Rodgers, who made his first transcontinental flight in
9 1911; and

10 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor had a successful career in
11 aviation maintenance for more than sixty years; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was honored by the federal
13 aviation administration with the establishment of the Charles
14 Edward Taylor master mechanic award, which recognizes persons
15 with fifty years or more of aviation maintenance experience;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor died in 1956;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the life and memory of Charles Edward
20 Taylor be honored and that appreciation be expressed for the
21 invaluable contributions he made to aviation; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor designate May 24
23 of each year as "Aviation Maintenance Technician Day" in New
24 Mexico in honor of Charles Edward Taylor; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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