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3 By Senator Bedford
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8 HONORING CHARLES EDWARD TAYLOR, THE WORLD'S FIRST
9 AIRPLANE MECHANIC, AND RECOGNIZING MAY 24 AS AVIATION
10 MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY.

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12 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was born May 24,
13 1869, and began working in 1902 as a machinist for Orville and
14 Wilbur Wright at the Wright Cycle Company in Dayton, Ohio; and

15 WHEREAS, within six weeks, Charles Edward Taylor,
16 using only a lathe and drill press, built the first engine
17 used to power the Wright Flyer; and

18 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor's ingenuity earned
19 him a place in aviation history on December 17, 1903, when the
20 Wright Brothers successfully flew their airplane; and

21 WHEREAS, after this historic event, Charles Edward
22 Taylor continued to design engines for the Wright Brothers and
23 later taught them to build aircraft engines; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1908, Charles Edward Taylor served as
25 lead mechanic for Calbraith "Cal" Rodgers, who made his first
26 transcontinental flight in 1911; and

1 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor had a successful
2 career in aviation maintenance for more than 60 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was honored by the
4 Federal Aviation Administration with the establishment of the
5 Charles Edward Taylor Master Mechanic Award, which recognizes
6 persons with 50 years or more of aviation maintenance
7 experience; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor died in 1956, and his
9 accomplishments are memorialized throughout the United States
10 on May 24 each year with the observance of Aviation
11 Maintenance Technician Day; and

12 WHEREAS, on May 24, 2010, the Federal Aviation
13 Administration Southern Region participates in activities
14 commemorating the 103rd Anniversary of the Wright Brothers
15 Flight; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize Aviation
18 Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the life and memory of
19 Charles Edward Taylor, the world's first airplane mechanic,
20 and by copy of this resolution for appropriate presentation
21 and display, the citizens of the State of Alabama are urged to
22 join with others across the nation in participating in this
23 notable event on May 24, 2010.