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3 By Senator Bedford
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4 ENROLLED, SJR133,

5 HONORING CHARLES EDWARD TAYLOR, THE WORLD'S FIRST
6 AIRPLANE MECHANIC, AND RECOGNIZING MAY 24 AS AVIATION
7 MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY.

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9 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was born May 24,
10 1869, and began working in 1902 as a machinist for Orville and
11 Wilbur Wright at the Wright Cycle Company in Dayton, Ohio; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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House of Representatives

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