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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.

McDowell Lee  
Secretary

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