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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33—Relative to aviation.

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SCR 33, as introduced, Fuller. Aviation Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of April as Aviation Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, General aviation in America supports more than
2 1.2 million jobs, many of them in small and medium-sized
3 businesses, and generates \$150 billion in economic activity; and

4 WHEREAS, Many of the 5,200 general aviation airports in the
5 United States are located at the center of clusters of the small and
6 medium-sized businesses and communities that are driving the
7 nation’s economic recovery; and

8 WHEREAS, Private aircraft that help these businesses create
9 and maintain jobs have been mistakenly characterized as “toys for
10 the rich,” rather than as vital tools that allow business to operate
11 and thrive; and

12 WHEREAS, General aviation aircraft are used around the clock
13 by law enforcement officers, medical professionals, disaster relief
14 personnel, and others to reach people in need; and

1 WHEREAS, General aviation aircraft are also used by
2 researchers to gather data and map terrain in efforts to help
3 governments, businesses, and nongovernmental organizations
4 improve and protect the quality of life; and

5 WHEREAS, America's agriculture industry uses general aviation
6 in its efforts to feed and clothe a hungry world; and

7 WHEREAS, The nation's public utilities use general aviation
8 to install and maintain infrastructure vital to keeping the nation
9 functioning; and

10 WHEREAS, Insufficient funding of Federal Aviation
11 Administration operations and airport and airspace infrastructure
12 imposes challenges on the ability of general aviation operators to
13 operate effectively; and

14 WHEREAS, General aviation faces increasing and onerous
15 security regulations; and

16 WHEREAS, Planning and zoning pressures and urban
17 encroachment contribute to reducing the number and availability
18 of airports throughout California and the United States, which
19 annually reduces the number of airports available to public and
20 private users; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the vital role
23 general aviation plays in the economy, health, safety, and protection
24 of the nation, and abstain from legislation and policies that impact
25 this industry's ability to continue to function effectively, and
26 therefor recognizes the month of April as Aviation Awareness
27 Month; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
29 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.