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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 114—Relative to aviation.

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SCR 114, as introduced, Fuller. Aviation Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of April 2016 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 abstains from legislation and policies that impact  
25 this industry's ability to continue to function effectively, and  
26 therefor recognizes the month of April 2016 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.