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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 610

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*Designating the third week in August, in 2017 and in each succeeding year, as Virginia Aviation Week.*

Patrons—Marshall, D.W., Anderson, Austin, Bagby, Collins, Edmunds, Fariss, Farrell, Head, Heretick, Hodges, Kilgore, Knight, Orrock, Pillion, Rasoul, Stolle, Torian, Villanueva, Wilt and Yost; Senators: Edwards, Stanley and Surovell

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, aviation plays a critical role in the lives of all Virginians, with general aviation and airports providing thousands of jobs, supporting businesses and public safety, and facilitating leisure travel and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is home to nine commercial airports, including five international airports, and 11 military air installations and 57 public-use airports, with more than 6,000 aircraft taking off and landing in Virginia each day; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Virginia airports accounted for \$28.8 billion in economic activity and created or sustained 259,000 jobs, with each job at a Virginia airport supporting an additional seven jobs elsewhere in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Commonwealth recorded 25.7 million enplanements, with aviation contributing to everyday life in numerous ways, including recreational flying, air freight shipping, tourism, agriculture, weather science, and law-enforcement, military, and emergency medical flights; and

WHEREAS, in a dynamic world, general aviation is an important tool for businesses to better serve their customers efficiently and effectively, and air connectivity helps overcome the challenges of distance and geography to ensure the continued growth and economic vitality of both cities and rural communities throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is also a leader in the aerospace industry as the home of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Wallops Flight Facility, a rocket launch site supporting scientific and space exploration missions by federal agencies and the commercial spaceflight industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate the third week in August, in 2017 and in each succeeding year, as Virginia Aviation Week; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Virginia Department of Aviation so that employees of the Department may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this week on the General Assembly's website.

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