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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2015 as Aviation Appreciation Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Airports and the aviation industry play a critical role in the lives of our citizens as well as in the economic prosperity of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Empire State is home to over 400 commercial, public and private airports and heliports, ranging from small rural facilities to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport which is one of the busiest airports in the world; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Transportation has demonstrated that the State's aviation industry contributes a significant amount of economic benefit to the State: over \$50 billion in annual economic activity; employs more than 394,500 state residents; and generates \$18 billion in payroll and \$4.5 billion in State and local tax revenue annually; and

WHEREAS, This contribution by the aviation sector to the State's economic well-being is fueled by a vibrant and supportive aviation community consisting of airports, general aviation, commercial aviation, cargo transport, manufacturing partners, hospitality businesses, vendors and contractors, engineers and consultants, pilots, mechanics, educational institutions and other aviation organizations; and

WHEREAS, Business aviation is a critical tool for companies in New York to improve efficiency, save money and open up opportunities for rural areas not served by commercial aviation thus bringing new business, investment and jobs to all areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, Many communities in New York depend heavily on their commercial service and general aviation airports for the continued flow of

commerce, tourists and visitors to our State and are responsible for over 40 million enplanements per year; and

WHEREAS, Celebrations of aviation will take place during the month of May, including the annual Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show at Jones Beach State Park, hosted by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (May 23-24) with this year's lineup to include the US Air Force Thunderbirds and the US Army Golden Knights, and the Rochester International Air Show showcasing the US Navy Blue Angels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2015 as Aviation Appreciation Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.