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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the New York Aviation Management Association, and celebrating the benefits of Aviation in New York State

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would voluntarily devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the New York Aviation Management Association, and to celebrate the benefits of Aviation in New York State; and

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

WHEREAS, New York's aviation industry is responsible for 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 led by the New York Aviation Management Association, which represents the "Voice of Aviation in New York State", for 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, New York State's commercial service airports accommodate a wide variety of local, domestic, and international flights connecting all of New York State to the nation and the world, and are responsible for over 47.6 million enplanements per year; and

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

WHEREAS, Aviation and airports play a vital role in New York State's businesses and communities that depend on general aviation of all types for mobility, access to medical treatment, economic opportunity, disaster relief, law enforcement, search and rescue and also contribute to our national defense; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York has a keen interest in the health and economic vitality of airports and the aviation industry and should lead the nation in promoting its aviation sector so as to further attract private sector investment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the New York Aviation Management Association, and to celebrate the benefits of Aviation in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York Aviation Management Association.