

**Substitute for House Resolution No. 238.**

A resolution to declare January 31, 2018, as Aerospace Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Since the dawn of powered flight, Michigan has developed a proud heritage of aerospace design, development and manufacturing. The Willow Run Bomber Plant helped to win World War II by building almost half of all the B-24 bombers produced by the United States. Also, the Selfridge Air National Guard Base has served a vital role in our nation's defense for over 100 years; and

Whereas, The Yankee Air Museum, Selfridge Military Air Museum, and the Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum showcase Michigan's rich aerospace history. Our state is the birthplace of twelve NASA astronauts including Roger B. Chaffee of *Apollo 1* and Gregory Jarvis of *Challenger*, and of notable aviation pioneers William Boeing, Edward Heinemann, Clarence "Kelly" Johnson, Iven Kincheloe, Charles Lindbergh, and many others; and

Whereas, For over a century, Michigan academic institutions have educated generations of aerospace and aeronautical scientists and engineers; and

Whereas, Michigan's economy is strengthened by more than 600 aerospace manufacturing companies. Our state is ranked second in the country in aerospace manufacturing attractiveness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare January 31, 2018, as Aerospace Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan.