

By: Representative Rogers (61st)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF  
2 CHARLES EDWARD TAYLOR AND RECOGNIZING MAY 24 AS AVIATION  
3 MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY IN HIS HONOR.

4 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was born on May 24, 1869; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1902, Charles Edward Taylor began working as a  
6 machinist for Orville and Wilbur Wright at the Wright Cycle  
7 Company in Dayton, Ohio; and

8 WHEREAS, within six weeks, Charles Edward Taylor, using only  
9 a lathe and drill press, built the first engine used to power the  
10 Wright Flyer; and

11 WHEREAS, his ingenuity earned him a place in aviation history  
12 when the Wright Brothers successfully flew their airplane on  
13 December 17, 1903; and

14 WHEREAS, after this historic event, Charles Edward Taylor  
15 continued to design engines for the Wright Brothers and later  
16 taught them to build aircraft engines; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1908, Mr. Taylor accompanied Orville Wright to  
18 Fort Meyer, Virginia, for test flights by the United States  
19 government and in 1909, accompanied Wilbur Wright to New York for  
20 the Hudson-Fulton flights; and

21 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor served as lead mechanic for  
22 Calbraith (Cal) Rodgers, who made his first transcontinental  
23 flight in 1911; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor had a successful career in aviation  
25 maintenance for more than sixty years; and

26 WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was honored by the Federal  
27 Aviation Administration with the establishment of the Charles

28 Edward Taylor Master Mechanic Award, which recognizes persons with  
29 fifty years or more of aviation maintenance experience; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
31 and commend excellence as exhibited by the life, accomplishments  
32 and memory of Mr. Charles Edward Taylor, whose achievements in  
33 aviation maintenance set the mark for the future of aviation:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
35 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we  
36 do hereby commend the life and memory of Charles Edward Taylor,  
37 the world's first airplane mechanic, and recognize May 24 of each  
38 year as Aviation Maintenance Technician Day in his honor.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
40 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.