

CHAPTER 48**(HJR 110)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, Inc., as the official Aviation Museum of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

WHEREAS, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky opened at Blue Grass Airport, Lexington, on April 15, 1995, with a mission to serve as an educational and cultural resource of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky's roots go back to 1978 and the Kentucky Aviation History Roundtable; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky is a nonprofit corporation that collects and displays an extensive array of aircraft and aviation memorabilia for the public's enjoyment and education, and designs and offers educational programs for the youth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky has assembled a broad collection of vintage aircraft, modern aircraft, private aircraft, and military aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky continues to add aircraft and exhibits that illustrate the principles and history of flight, and Kentucky's significant place in that history; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky supports state-wide tourism by hosting thousands of visitors annually, including guests from every state and from sixty-seven foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Kentucky's school children visit the Museum annually, supporting the Commonwealth's educational goals of improving students' grasp of math, history, and science; and

WHEREAS, every year the Aviation Museum of Kentucky takes its Aviation Summer Camp to communities throughout the Commonwealth, introducing hundreds of students to the wonders of flight, and to the possibilities an aviation career can offer; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky founded, houses, and conducts the annual Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame, which is the Commonwealth's Official Aviation Hall of Fame and the keeper of Kentucky's proud history of aviation achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The Aviation Museum of Kentucky, Inc., is designated as the official Aviation Museum of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Approved March 24, 2006.