

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bowman Skunk Works for  
2 empowering Kentucky students for a future in the aviation industry.

3           WHEREAS, Bowman Skunk Works is a unique nonprofit organization that offers  
4 adult mentors to high school students in the area of aerospace education, including the  
5 building of Van's RV-12 Light Sport aircrafts, for an amazing experience of learning,  
6 teamwork, growth, and accomplishment; and

7           WHEREAS, Bowman Skunk Works is located on the south side of Bowman Field,  
8 a public airport in Louisville, Kentucky, where students have the opportunity for flight  
9 training experiences and to become a part of the wonderful and vibrant aviation  
10 community at Bowman Field; and

11           WHEREAS, students in the program have the opportunity to work alongside United  
12 Parcel Service aircraft engineering, flight operation, and aircraft maintenance retirees.  
13 They are also provided experiences such as riding in a Van's RV-12, touring local  
14 aviation facilities, and other exciting activities centered around aviation and engineering;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, during their building experience, students can work towards their  
17 private pilot certificate; and

18           WHEREAS, Bowman Skunk Works students recently engaged with the University  
19 of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering in their capstone senior project to convert  
20 a Van's RV-12 to an all-electric aircraft; and

21           WHEREAS, recognizing that battery and electric motor technology are making new  
22 breakthroughs regularly, which will reduce weight, extend flying range, simplify  
23 maintenance and operation, and improve costs, Bowman Skunk Works provides early  
24 and invaluable exposure to young people interested in learning about the industry;

25           NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
27 ***Kentucky:***

1           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize and commend Bowman  
2 Skunk Works for empowering Kentucky students for a future in the aviation industry.

3           ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate especially recognize Bowman Skunk  
4 Works build students Ben Saunders, Lars Isenhardt, Lucia Isenhardt, Priscilla Hall, Caecilia  
5 Isenhardt, and Ryan Beauchesne for their outstanding work and academic achievements.

6           ➔Section 3. The members of the Senate express their gratitude to Bowman Skunk  
7 Works board members and mentors, President Keith Aultman, Frank Hemko, Brad  
8 Schwandt, Bruce Allen, Jack Harmeling, and Isabell Isenhardt for guiding and educating  
9 the next generation of aviation professionals in the Commonwealth.

10          ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit ten copies of this  
11 Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams for delivery to the Bowman Skunk Works  
12 organization.