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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, H.R. 3708, currently under consideration in the
3 United States House of Representatives, seeks to abolish the
4 burdensome and outdated third-class medical certificate
5 currently required for thousands of pilots who fly
6 recreationally; and

7 WHEREAS, 60,000 pilots have left the aviation industry over
8 the last decade, many due to the onerous and costly process of
9 attaining a third-class medical certificate; and

10 WHEREAS, The General Aviation Pilot Protection Act,
11 contained within H.R. 3708, would require pilots who fly
12 recreationally to hold a valid driver's license in lieu of an
13 expensive third-class medical certificate and operate under
14 specific limitations; and

15 WHEREAS, The General Aviation Pilot Protection Act has the
16 potential to grow the pilot population in the United States by
17 significantly lowering a major barrier for prospective pilots,
18 while also upholding high safety standards; and

19 WHEREAS, The General Aviation Pilot Protection Act would
20 allow pilots who make non-commercial visual flight rules
21 flights in aircraft weighing up to 6,000 pounds with no more

1 than 6 seats to be exempt from the third-class medical
2 certification process; and

3 WHEREAS, The General Aviation Pilot Protection Act would
4 allow pilots who are exempt from the third-class medical
5 certification process to carry up to 5 passengers, fly at
6 altitudes below 14,000 feet mean sea level, and fly no faster
7 than 250 knots; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to allowing pilots to operate common
9 general aviation aircraft for recreational flying without a
10 third-class medical certificate, the bill directs the Federal
11 Aviation Administration to prepare and send a report to
12 Congress detailing the impact of the bill's passage on general
13 aviation safety within 5 years of the bill's enactment; and

14 WHEREAS, Aviation groups have regularly petitioned the
15 Federal Aviation Administration for medical certification
16 updates and changes, yet the Federal Aviation Administration
17 has refused to move on such requests, despite overwhelming
18 encouragement from the general aviation community and its
19 agencies; and

20 WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration has announced
21 recently it will consider altering the pilot requirements in
22 certain circumstances through a study called the "Private Pilot

1 Privileges without a Medical Certificate" project; and

2 WHEREAS, The general aviation community has long supported
3 this action, due to its ability to maintain safety, reduce
4 costs for pilots and the federal government, and allow people
5 to pursue the unique freedom of flight in the same way they can
6 pursue other powered recreational activities; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we encourage the members of Congress to support H.R. 3708 in
10 order to afford greater access to aviation for prospective
11 pilots; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 delivered to the members of the Illinois congressional
14 delegation.