

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **The Maryland Aviation Institute of Technology**

3 FOR the purpose of stating the intent of the General Assembly to support the creation  
4 of the Maryland Aviation Institute of Technology and urging the Governor and  
5 Secretaries of Transportation, Higher Education, and Business and Economic  
6 Development to assist in the Institute's establishment and ongoing operations.

7 WHEREAS, The aviation industry in Maryland provides more than \$4.3 billion  
8 in economic activity of which more than \$1.4 billion is paid in earnings to nearly  
9 60,000 individuals; and

10 WHEREAS, The aviation industry in Maryland and nationwide is suffering  
11 from a serious shortage of qualified, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified  
12 aviation maintenance technicians; and

13 WHEREAS, 14% of general aviation accidents are attributed to mechanical and  
14 maintenance problems; and

15 WHEREAS, At least one major aviation repair facility located in Maryland cited  
16 the regional shortage of certified technicians as its reason for expanding outside of  
17 the State; and

18 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Baltimore County Workforce Development Corp.,  
19 Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in cooperation with the airline industry, area community  
20 colleges, and Martin State Airport, is in the process of establishing the Maryland  
21 Aviation Institute of Technology at Martin State Airport to provide a 20-month  
22 training program leading to FAA certification in Aviation Mechanics for qualified  
23 applicants; and

24 WHEREAS, The establishment of the Maryland Aviation Institute of Technology  
25 will provide job training and employment opportunities for certified aviation  
26 maintenance technicians and will encourage the continued presence of major aviation  
27 maintenance facilities in Maryland; now, therefore, be it

1       RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
2 General Assembly supports the creation of the Maryland Aviation Institute of  
3 Technology and urges the Governor and the Secretaries of Transportation, Higher  
4 Education, and Business and Economic Development to assist by all appropriate  
5 means in the Institute's establishment and ongoing operations; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
7 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;  
8 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and  
9 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.