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By: **Senator Collins**
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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Maryland Aviation Institute of Technology**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Governor and Secretaries of Transportation, Higher
4 Education, and Business and Economic Development to assist in the
5 establishment of the Maryland Aviation Institute of Technology.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the
28 General Assembly urges the Governor and the Secretaries of Transportation, Higher
29 Education, and Business and Economic Development to study the creation of the
30 Maryland Aviation Institute of Technology by investigating appropriate curriculum,

1 staff qualifications, private sector involvement, financial requirements, and return on
2 investment in the form of future economic opportunity for potential graduates in
3 order to assist with the Institute's establishment and ongoing operations; and be it
4 further

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