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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. _____

Recognizing May 20 as “National Women in Aerospace Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. FOUSHEE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing May 20 as “National Women in Aerospace
Day”.

Whereas National Women in Aerospace Day recognizes and
emphasizes the importance of American women in avia-
tion, human spaceflight, and other related aerospace
fields, including—

- (1) Harriet Quimby, the first American woman to
earn a pilot’s license;
- (2) Bessie Coleman, the first African-American per-
son to earn a pilot’s license;
- (3) Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly solo
across the Atlantic Ocean, and was instrumental in the
formation of The Ninety-Nines, an organization for fe-
male pilots;

(4) Jacqueline Cochran, the first woman to break the sound barrier;

(5) Pearl I. Young, the first female technical employee at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), and a pioneer in technical writing;

(6) Jerrie Cobb, the first woman to undergo and pass the same physical testing developed for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) astronaut selection, and a staunch advocate for women in space flight;

(7) Katherine Johnson, a mathematician who provided calculations and analyzed data for NACA, and then NASA, including for the Freedom 7 mission and for Apollo missions;

(8) Dr. Nancy Grace Roman, NASA's first Chief of Astronomy and first female executive, a prominent figure in development of the Hubble Space Telescope, and the namesake of the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope currently under development at NASA;

(9) Eleanor Williams, the first African-American woman to be certified as an air traffic controller;

(10) Emily Howell Warner, the first woman to become a United States airline captain;

(11) Dr. Sally Ride, a physicist and the first American woman to travel to space;

(12) Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, a geologist and the first American woman to perform a spacewalk;

(13) Dr. Mae Jemison, a medical doctor and the first African-American woman to travel to space;

(14) Dr. Ellen Ochoa, an engineer and the first Hispanic woman to travel to space and the first Hispanic director of NASA's Johnson Space Center;

(15) Patrice Clarke-Washington, the first African-American woman to become a United States airline captain;

(16) Colonel Eileen Collins, the first woman to pilot and to command a space shuttle;

(17) Dr. Christine Darden, an engineer whose research revolutionized aerodynamics design, particularly to reduce the production of sonic noise, and the first African-American woman at NASA Langley to be promoted to Senior Executive Service, the top rank in the Federal civil service;

(18) Dr. Jeanette Epps, an engineer and the African-American astronaut who has spent the most time in space;

(19) Dr. Jessica U. Meir, a scientist who (along with Christina Koch) conducted the first 3 all-female spacewalks;

(20) Christina Koch, an engineer who (along with Jessica U. Meir) conducted the first 3 all-female spacewalks, is the recordholder for the longest single space flight by a woman, and is set to become the first woman to travel beyond low Earth orbit on the Artemis II mission in 2026; and

(21) countless other women whose pioneering achievements and dedication have expanded the frontiers of aerospace;

Whereas women's contributions in the field of aerospace have been critical to its success;

Whereas women currently make up only roughly 20 percent of the aerospace workforce;

Whereas increasing the number of women in the aerospace field will be critical to maintaining a competitive aerospace workforce and programs; and

Whereas diversity in any field incorporates different experiences, which can ultimately lead to more creative and pioneering solutions;

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the celebration of “National
3 Women in Aerospace Day” as a time to reflect on
4 the many notable contributions that women have
5 made to the field of aerospace in the United States;

6 (2) urges the people of the United States to observe National Women in Aerospace Day with appropriate programs and activities; and

7 (3) affirms the commitment of the House of
8 Representatives to ensuring that all women have
9 equal access to opportunity in the aerospace field.
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