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H. RES. 445

Recognizing 100 years of military aviation and expressing continued support
for military aviators of the United States Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

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continued support for military aviators of the United
States Armed Forces.

Whereas Orville and Wilbur Wright secured the patent for
their powered airplane in 1908, affording them the op-
portunity to compete for contracts with the Army;

Whereas the United States Army Signal Corps made its first
purchase of an airplane, the Wright Military Flyer, in
1909 at a cost of \$30,000;

Whereas the Wright Military Flyer carried a passenger over
a distance of 125 miles;

Whereas today's military aircraft can travel around the world
without landing;

Whereas the importance of military aviation and air superiority in battle was first demonstrated in World War I;

Whereas, during World War II, United States Naval aviation was decisive in reversing the Japanese advance and winning the war in the Pacific;

Whereas United States Army Air Forces played a crucial role in executing strategic bombing campaigns in both the European and Pacific theaters;

Whereas the Vietnam War brought about new, more modern fighter jets and bombers, including the F-105 Thunderchief and the F-4 Phantom;

Whereas the National Security Act of 1947 incorporated the United States Army Air Forces as a separate military branch, the United States Air Force;

Whereas military aviators continue to provide invaluable offensive, defensive, logistical, and intelligence support to the Armed Forces;

Whereas military aviators have been on the front lines of combat and humanitarian missions in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Whereas the increase in technology over the last century has made military aircraft an essential component in the safety and security of the United States homeland; and

Whereas the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution will commemorate the centennial of military aviation with programs and exhibits throughout 2009: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
- 2 nizes 100 years of military aviation and expresses its con-

- 1 tinued support for military aviators of the United States
- 2 Armed Forces.

