

# State of Vermont

## House of Representatives



### Montpelier, Vermont

### House Resolution

H.R. 33

House resolution supporting the importance of general aviation

Offered by: Representatives Peaslee of Guildhall, Aswad of Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Howard of Cambridge, Howrigan of Fairfield, Lanpher of Vergennes and Potter of Clarendon

Whereas, general aviation plays an important role in the everyday lives of Americans, and

Whereas, angel flights, business commuter services, environmental protection, firefighting, law enforcement, search and rescue, surveying wildlife, and long distance delivery services such as FedEx and UPS are all aspects of general aviation, and

Whereas, there are in excess of 5,000 public use airports that form a vital national transportation network serving millions of Americans everyday, and

Whereas, general aviation is responsible for creating \$1.2 million jobs nationwide and annually contributes \$150 billion to the American economy, and

Whereas, America's agriculture industry uses general aviation to feed and clothe a needy world, and

Whereas, researchers use general aviation aircraft to create data for orthographic maps which are used for agricultural, environmental, and many other cartographic purposes, and

Whereas, general aviation faces challenges from a federal budget proposal that would impose costly new user fees and dramatically increase taxes, and

Whereas, insufficient funding of Federal Aviation Administration operations and airport and airspace infrastructure imposes challenges on the ability of general aviation operators to do their work effectively, and

Whereas, general aviation faces increasing and onerous security regulations, and

Whereas, planning and zoning pressures and urban encroachment contribute to reducing the number and availability of airports throughout the United States and their availability for public and private users, and

Whereas, a robust general aviation system throughout the United States is essential to our nation's continued economic growth and prosperity, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body urges Congress and the President to recognize the vital role general aviation plays in the economy, health, safety, and protection of the nation, and to abstain from adopting legislation and policies that affect this industry's ability to continue to function effectively, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Obama, Federal Aviation Administrator J. Randolph Babbitt, President and CEO of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Craig L. Fuller, the national headquarters of the Civil Air Patrol at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

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**Shapleigh Smith, Jr.**  
**Speaker of the House**

**Attested to:**

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**Donald G. Milne**  
**Clerk, House of Representatives**