

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing the "Know Before You Fly" campaign as an official source of safety education for operators of unmanned aircraft systems and instructing the Department of Public Safety to educate the public about the campaign.

WHEREAS, the safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the National Airspace System promises to drive new economic development and consumer choice, promote more responsible stewardship of natural resources, facilitate more effective emergency response and disaster recovery, economize agricultural operations, and improve the efficiency and security of energy, transportation, and communications networks; and

WHEREAS, direct operation of unmanned aircraft systems, for both commercial and non-commercial use, is growing rapidly, with more than one million aircraft already registered; and

WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, the development and adoption of services provided by unmanned aircraft systems is expected to generate eighty billion dollars of new economic activity and create more than one hundred thousand new jobs in the United States by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of unmanned aircraft systems, both for non-commercial and commercial purposes, is necessary for continued innovation, economic activity, and public benefit; and

WHEREAS, prospective operators of unmanned aircraft systems must understand and abide by relevant requirements and limitations to ensure the safe operation of such systems; and

WHEREAS, the regulatory framework for unmanned aircraft systems continues to develop, including the Federal Aviation Administration taking steps to integrate unmanned aircraft systems into the National Air Space and issuance of operational requirements for small unmanned aircraft systems operations in the National Air Space; and

WHEREAS, easily accessible and freely available information regarding current guidance for safe and responsible unmanned aircraft systems operations provides certainty to unmanned aircraft system owners and operators, maximizes the public benefits of unmanned aircraft systems, and mitigates risks to public safety and security; and

WHEREAS, "Know Before You Fly" is an education campaign founded by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International and the Academy of Model Aeronautics in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration to educate prospective users about the safe and responsible operation of unmanned aircraft systems; and

WHEREAS, "Know Before You Fly" is supported by the Aerospace States Association, of which the State of South Dakota is a member; and

WHEREAS, through the "Know Before You Fly" educational campaign, the Federal Aviation Administration has developed relationships with more than one hundred fifty partners, including unmanned aircraft manufacturers, law enforcement agencies, retailers, labor organizations, and institutions of higher education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature recognizes and supports the "Know Before You Fly" campaign as an official source of safety education for prospective and active operators of unmanned aircraft systems in South Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Safety is instructed to educate the public about the "Know Before You Fly" campaign and website.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

March 5, 2019
March 7, 2019

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