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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Thomas Lowe of
4 Crystal Lake on his induction into the Illinois Aviation Hall
5 of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, He will be inducted into the Illinois Aviation
7 Hall of Fame on June 3, 2009 in Peoria at the 2009 Illinois
8 Aviation Conference; and

9 WHEREAS, He is the co-founder of the National Stearman
10 Fly-In, along with James "Jim" Leahy of Galesburg; the two men
11 started the organization in 1972; the Boeing Stearman was a
12 biplane used to train pilots during World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, He began flying after his graduation from Iowa
14 State University in 1963 and joined the United States Air
15 Force; and

16 WHEREAS, He owns two Stearman biplanes that he restored
17 along with his wife, Nancy, including one of only four Stearman
18 C3R Business Speedsters that still flies; and

19 WHEREAS, He retired in 2001 as a captain with United
20 Airlines after 33 1/2 years; he also worked part-time after his

1 retirement with Emery Air Charter in Rockford, so he could keep
2 flying; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Thomas Lowe on his induction into the Illinois
6 Aviation Hall of Fame and wish him the best in all his future
7 endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Thomas Lowe as a symbol of our respect and esteem.