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To commend the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association on its proactive
commitment to the security of general aviation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERSTAR submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

To commend the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
on its proactive commitment to the security of general
aviation.

Whereas the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association is the
largest civil aviation organization in the world with more
than 60 percent of the pilot population in the United
States of America;

Whereas the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association was
founded in 1939 by five businessmen in Philadelphia to
represent the interests of general aviation pilots;

Whereas general aviation represents all flying except sched-
uled airline service and military flight;

Whereas the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association has
worked diligently to inform and instruct its membership

and the pilot population on proactive security measures since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

Whereas these measures undertaken by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association have included a set of recommendations to enhance security at flight schools and fixed base operations and a successful petitioning of the Federal Aviation Administration to require pilots to carry a government issued identification in conjunction with their pilot and medical certificates;

Whereas the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association has partnered with the Transportation Security Administration to develop a nationwide aviation initiative known as the “Airport Watch Program” that includes a toll-free hotline with a centralized system for reporting and acting on information supplied by general aviation pilots;

Whereas the Airport Watch Program will enlist the support of some 550,000 general aviation pilots to watch for and report suspicious activities that might have security implications; and

Whereas the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association has enlisted the support of the Government and aviation community at large and will distribute Airport Watch Program materials to the 5,400 public-use airports in the Nation, pilot groups, and individual pilots: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Asso-
 2 ciation is hereby commended for its excellence in taking
 3 proactive measures to solve the new security challenges
 4 that face the Nation and for partnering with the Trans-
 5 portation Security Administration and the Federal Avia-

- 1 tion Administration to create immediate, innovative, and
- 2 common sense solutions to those challenges.

