

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298030

ADOPTED ON JUN 03 2003

WHEREAS, the professional men and women in the field of aviation maintenance are responsible for the airworthiness of the thousands of aircraft that take off each day; and

WHEREAS, the first aviation technician was Charles Edward Taylor, who singlehandedly built the first airplane engine in the Wright Brothers' Bicycle Shop in Dayton, Ohio, and is widely recognized as one of the greatest aviation technicians of all time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor pioneered theories of engine design by using only a lathe and drill press to construct a four-cylinder piston engine weighing 179 pounds and producing 12 horsepower in just six weeks; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of December 17, 1903, at the base of Kill Devil Hills, south of the village of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the Wright brothers made their historic first flight in a powered airplane using Mr. Taylor's engine; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has proclaimed that the 24th day of May each year be known as Aviation Maintenance Technician Day to honor aviation technicians from all around the world, and to advance public appreciation for the significant and vital contributions of aviation maintenance technicians; and

WHEREAS, a ceremony to honor Charles Edward Taylor and to recognize all aviation maintenance technicians for their dedication and behind-the-scenes accomplishments will be held at the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park on Saturday, May 24, 2003; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, proudly honors all aircraft maintenance technicians whose spirit of mechanical excellence has made air transportation safe and reliable, and recognizes Charles Edward Taylor for his pioneering accomplishments in the field of aviation maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 24, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**CHARLES EDWARD TAYLOR DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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