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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1040

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A resolution

1.2 memorializing the President and Congress to establish the Charles A. Lindbergh
1.3 National Monument in Little Falls, Minnesota.

1.4 WHEREAS, Charles Augustus Lindbergh was born at the home of his maternal grandparents
1.5 on February 4, 1902, in Detroit, Michigan to Evangeline Land and Charles August Lindbergh; and

1.6 WHEREAS, when Charles was five weeks old, he and his mother moved back to their
1.7 home in Little Falls, Minnesota. He was the only child the Lindberghs would have, although
1.8 Charles Lindbergh Sr. had two older daughters from a previous marriage; and

1.9 WHEREAS, C.A., as Lindbergh's father was known, was a successful lawyer in Little Falls.
1.10 He had been born in Sweden and immigrated with his parents to Minnesota in 1859. Lindbergh's
1.11 mother, a well-educated woman from a wealthy Detroit family, was a former science teacher; and

1.12 WHEREAS, when Lindbergh was only three years old, the family home, newly built and
1.13 located on the banks of the Mississippi River, burned to the ground. The cause of the fire was
1.14 never determined. The Lindberghs replaced it with a smaller house on the same site; and

1.15 WHEREAS, Charles A. Lindbergh's boyhood home built on the banks of the Mississippi
1.16 River in 1906 is now the Charles A. Lindbergh State Historic Site; and

1.17 WHEREAS, in childhood, Charles A. Lindbergh showed exceptional mechanical ability and
1.18 subsequently enrolled in the engineering program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and

1.19 WHEREAS, Charles A. Lindbergh's May 1927 transatlantic flight "fired the imagination of
1.20 mankind," revolutionized aviation, changed the course of history, and established the airplane as a
1.21 viable means of transportation; and

2.1 WHEREAS, there is considerable popular support for the establishment of a national
2.2 monument to Charles A. Lindbergh in Little Falls, Minnesota, as part of the National Park
2.3 System; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the Congress
2.5 of the United States to pass, and the President of the United States to sign, a bill establishing the
2.6 Charles A. Lindbergh National Monument.

2.7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is
2.8 directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United
2.9 States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of
2.10 the United States House of Representatives, the chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and
2.11 Natural Resources, the chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources, and Minnesota's
2.12 Senators and Representatives in Congress.