

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 47

By: Sharp

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing and applauding the  
8 educational contributions of the Youth Aviation  
9 Adventure Program to the youth of Oklahoma; and  
10 directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, the Youth Aviation Adventure (YAA) Program was founded  
12 in Columbus, Ohio, in 1997 by pilots, Dan Kiser and Steve Wathen,  
13 who started the program to help Steve's son and others earn their  
14 Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badges. Due to its popularity, the program  
15 grew to eventually include Girl Scouts and youth from other  
16 organizations; and

17 WHEREAS, the YAA Program is geared to boys and girls between the  
18 ages of 12 and 18; and the curriculum is based on the requirements  
19 for earning the Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge; and

20 WHEREAS, the first Youth Aviation Adventure Program was held in  
21 Oklahoma at the Gordon Cooper Aviation Technology Training Center in  
22 Shawnee on May 3, 2008; and

23 WHEREAS, the kids get to visit nine stations where they  
24 participate in discussions about: In-The-Know aviation quiz game,

1 airplane preflight checks, airport surface operations, airport  
2 firefighting operations, police use of helicopters, aerodynamics,  
3 the life of a professional pilot, aircraft engines, and instrument  
4 panels; and

5 WHEREAS, the one-day YAA Program will be held in Shawnee on  
6 Saturday, April 2.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
8 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes and applauds the  
10 educational contributions of the Youth Aviation Adventure Program to  
11 the youth of Oklahoma.

12 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Commander Bill  
13 Beck.

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