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Assembly Resolution No. 447

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 20, 2017, as Transatlantic Flight Day in the State of New York, and commemorating the 90th Anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's historic flight

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 20, 2017, as Transatlantic Flight Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Charles A. Lindbergh commenced his historic, non-stop transatlantic flight from New York to Paris at Garden City's Roosevelt Field; and

WHEREAS, Lindbergh, a United States Air Mail pilot, made his journey in the single-seat, single-engine monoplane, Spirit of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, The May 20-21, 1927, journey, covering 3,510 miles, was a landmark event in aviation and the history of our Nation, which revolutionized the course of aviation; and

WHEREAS, The feat took Lindbergh from virtual obscurity to worldwide fame as he claimed a reward offered by New York hotel owner Raymond Orteig to the first allied aviator(s) to fly non-stop from New York City to Paris or vice-versa; and

WHEREAS, Charles Lindbergh inspired future pioneers including Astronaut and U.S. Senator John Glenn who would become the first American to orbit the earth in 1962, making Glenn himself a national hero and symbol of American ambition; and

WHEREAS, Commencing five years later on that same date, May 20, 1932, Amelia Earhart emulated Lindbergh's flight becoming the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic for which she received the Distinguished Flying Cross from Congress; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, a monument to Charles Lindbergh, commemorating the 70th Anniversary of his takeoff, was erected at the intersection of Source Mall Drive and Transverse Drive in East Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Hempstead and area residents have been working to protect the monument and the historic area, as well as develop further educational and visitor activities at the site; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is proud to proclaim official days that are set aside to recognize important events in the history of our State and Nation, and to express support and gratitude for the commitment shown by the members of the Town of Hempstead Landmarks Preservation Committee in recognizing this site; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 20, 2017, as Transatlantic Flight Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and the Town of Hempstead Landmarks Preservation Committee.