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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The long-term aviation infrastructure needs of Northeastern Illinois and the current airport capacity shortage in that region have been and continue to be the subject of much public attention; and

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WHEREAS, Merrill C. Meigs Field annually handles approximately 40,000 flights, generates substantial business, convention, and tourism activity for the region, serves a valuable public safety role related to air-sea and high-rise rescues, emergency medical transport, and disaster relief, helps control the airspace over downtown Chicago, and acts to relieve congestion at Midway and O'Hare International airports; and

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WHEREAS, numerous aviation and business organizations have expressed their support for keeping Meigs Field permanently open, including the Air Line Pilots Association, the Aircraft Electronics Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, AirLifeLine Midwest, the Chicago Area Business Aviation Association, Local 2 of the Chicago Firefighters Union, the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago, the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Friends of Meigs Field, the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, Helicopter Association International, the Illinois Association of Air and Critical Care Transport, the Illinois Aviation Trades Association, the Illinois Manufacturers Association, the Illinois Pilots Association, the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, the International Council of Air Shows, the Michigan State Bureau of Aeronautics, the National Aeronautic Association, the National Agricultural Aviation Association, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, the National Air Transport Association, the National Association of State Aviation Officials, the National Business Aviation Association, the

1 Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, the Small  
2 Aircraft Manufacturers Association, Tuskegee Airmen Inc., the  
3 Chicago "DODO" Chapter, the United States Pilots Association,  
4 and Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we respectfully  
7 encourage the Governor and the Mayor of Chicago to keep Meigs  
8 Field permanently open as part of their final negotiated  
9 aviation infrastructure plan for the Chicagoland region; and  
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 delivered to the Governor and the Mayor of Chicago.