

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 816

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3 Commending the Langley Flight Foundation.

4 Patron—

5 WHEREAS, the Langley Flight Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and
6 promoting the history of Samuel Pierpont Langley's Aerodrome No. 5, the first aircraft to demonstrate the
7 practicability of mechanical flight, opened the "Langley Aerodrome Experience" at the Stafford Regional
8 Airport on May 6, 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, after working for several years to develop an exhibition that would honor the history of
10 Langley's Aerodrome No. 5, Philip E. Hornung, Chris Hornung, Scott Mayausky, and Sue Henderson formed
11 the Langley Flight Foundation in April 2021 to work with Stafford County to bring their vision to fruition;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Langley Flight Foundation's "Langley Aerodrome Experience" is an exhibition of an
14 exact replica of the Aerodrome No. 5 created by inventor and aviation pioneer Samuel Pierpont Langley,
15 which became the first unpiloted, engine-driven aircraft of substantial size to achieve successful flight when
16 it flew for 90 seconds above the Potomac River in Stafford County on May 6, 1896; and

17 WHEREAS, in the process of developing the "Langley Aerodrome Experience," the Langley Flight
18 Foundation collaborated with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, which houses the original
19 Aerodrome No. 5, to better understand this historic aircraft; and

20 WHEREAS, the Langley Flight Foundation has partnered with Stafford County Public Schools to share
21 its engaging educational program with students in the hopes that it will inspire many to pursue impactful
22 careers in science and aviation; and

23 WHEREAS, the Langley Flight Foundation has shone fresh light on a major achievement in the history of
24 both aviation and the Commonwealth, giving many a deeper appreciation of our ability to overcome
25 seemingly impossible challenges through critical thinking and hard work; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Langley Flight Foundation hereby be commended for
27 the opening of the "Langley Aerodrome Experience" at the Stafford Regional Airport; and, be it

28 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
29 presentation to the Langley Flight Foundation as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the
30 organization's mission and achievements.

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