

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 33

**Introduced by Assembly Member Fuller
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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 33—Relative to aviation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 33, as introduced, Fuller. General aviation.

This measure would respectfully memorialize the Congress and President of the United States to recognize the vital role general aviation plays in the economy, health, safety, and protection of the nation, and abstain from legislation and policies that impact this industry’s ability to continue to function effectively.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, General aviation in America supports more than
2 1.2 million jobs, many of them in small and medium-sized
3 businesses, and generates \$150 billion in economic activity; and
4 WHEREAS, Many of the 5,200 general aviation airports in the
5 United States are located at the center of clusters of the small and
6 medium-sized businesses and communities that are driving the
7 nation’s economic recovery; and
8 WHEREAS, Private aircraft that help these businesses create
9 and maintain jobs have been mistakenly characterized as “toys for
10 the rich,” rather than as vital tools that allow business to operate
11 and thrive; and

1 WHEREAS, General aviation aircraft are used around the clock
2 by law enforcement officers, medical professionals, disaster relief
3 personnel, and others to reach people in need; and

4 WHEREAS, General aviation aircraft are also used by
5 researchers to gather data and map terrain in efforts to help
6 governments, businesses, and nongovernmental organizations
7 improve and protect the quality of life; and

8 WHEREAS, America's agriculture industry uses general aviation
9 in its efforts to feed and clothe a hungry world; and

10 WHEREAS, The nation's public utilities use general aviation
11 to install and maintain infrastructure vital to keeping the nation
12 functioning; and

13 WHEREAS, General aviation faces challenges from a federal
14 budget proposal that would impose costly new user fees and
15 dramatically increase taxes; and

16 WHEREAS, Insufficient funding of Federal Aviation
17 Administration operations and airport and airspace infrastructure
18 imposes challenges on the ability of general aviation operators to
19 operate effectively; and

20 WHEREAS, General aviation faces increasing and onerous
21 security regulations; and

22 WHEREAS, Planning and zoning pressures and urban
23 encroachment contribute to reducing the number and availability
24 of airports throughout California and the United States, which
25 annually reduces the number of airports available to public and
26 private users; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
28 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature respectfully memorializes
29 the Congress and President of the United States to recognize the
30 vital role general aviation plays in the economy, health, safety,
31 and protection of the nation, and abstain from legislation and
32 policies that impact this industry's ability to continue to function
33 effectively; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
35 of this resolution to the President and Congress of the United
36 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each
37 Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the
38 United States.

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