

COMMENDING RUSS MEYER ON HIS INDUCTION INTO
THE NATIONAL AVIATION HALL OF FAME

OCTOBER 6, 2009.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. OBERSTAR, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 719]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 719) commending Russ Meyer on his induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the resolution as amended be agreed to.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas the leadership of Russell (Russ) W. Meyer, Jr., former chairman and chief executive officer of Cessna Aircraft Company and a leading proponent of general aviation, has had a dramatic impact on the continued growth of the aviation industry in Kansas and throughout the United States;

Whereas Russ Meyer was one of the principal advocates for the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-298; 108 Stat. 1552);

Whereas Russ Meyer was instrumental in the development of the “Be A Pilot Program”, which has resulted in tens of thousands of new pilots and contributed more than \$200,000,000 to the United States economy through general aviation operations;

Whereas Russ Meyer was the originator of the Citation Special Olympics Airlift, in which hundreds of owners of Citation aircraft transport athletes from around the country to the Special Olympics National Games; and

Whereas Russ Meyer will join fellow residents of Kansas Olive Beech and Walter Beech, Lloyd Stearman, Clyde Cessna, Amelia Earhart, and Joe Engle in the National Aviation Hall of Fame: Now, therefore, be it

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 719, as amended, commends Russell (Russ) W. Meyer, Jr. for his induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, and for his many contributions to general aviation.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

This resolution commends Russ W. Meyer, Jr. for his induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, and for his many contributions to general aviation. Meyer, a native of Davenport, Iowa, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale, and Doctor of Law degree from Harvard. He went on to serve in both the Air Force and the Marine Corps Reserves as a fighter pilot from 1955–1961. As Cessna Aircraft Company chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 1975 to 2003, Meyer advocated for the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1994, which limited aircraft liability. He also expanded Cessna’s Citation line of business jets, winning two Collier Trophies. In 1995, he won the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy for his role in the creation of the Citation Special Olympics Airlift, which coordinated hundreds of owners of Citation aircraft to transport athletes from around the country to the Special Olympics National Games. Meyer also helped to develop the “Be a Pilot Program”, which encouraged flight training schools to offer reduced rates on introductory flight training lessons. The “Be a Pilot Program” led to tens of thousands of new pilots.

The National Aviation Hall of Fame was founded in 1962, and received a National charter under P.L. 88–372 in 1964. It was established to honor and perpetuate the memory of citizens who helped establish, develop, promote, and improve aviation in the United States. As of 2009, there are just over 200 members in the National Aviation Hall of Fame. Meyer was enshrined on July 19, 2009.

SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 719, as amended, commends Russ Meyer for his induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame; recognizes the achievements of Russ Meyer during his lifetime of service to the aviation industry; and directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to Russ Meyer.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On July 31, 2009, Representative Todd Tiahrt introduced H. Res. 719. This resolution has not been introduced in a previous Congress. On September 24, 2009, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session and considered H. Res. 719. The Committee adopted an amendment to the bill by voice vote with a quorum present. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered H. Res. 719, as amended, reported favorably to the House by a voice vote with a quorum present.

RECORD VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each recorded vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with considering H. Res. 719, amending it, or ordering the resolution, as amended, reported. A motion to order H. Res. 719, as amended, reported favorably to the House was agreed to by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

COST OF LEGISLATION

With respect to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H. Res. 719 is a resolution of the House of Representatives, and therefore does not have the force of law. As such, there is no cost associated with this resolution for fiscal year 2010, or any fiscal year thereafter.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no comparison of the total estimated funding level for the relevant programs to the appropriate levels under current law is required.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no statement of general performance goals and objectives for any measure that authorizes funding is required.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no cost estimate nor comparison for any measure that authorizes funding is required.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XXI

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is required to include a list of congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits, as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. H. Res. 719, as amended, does not contain any earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits under clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

With respect to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H. Res. 719, as amended, is a resolution of the House of Representatives and therefore does not have the force of law. As such, clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII does not apply.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

H. Res. 719, as amended, contains no Federal mandates.

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is in-

tended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee states that H. Res. 719 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (P.L. 104-1).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H. Res. 719, as amended, makes no changes in existing law.