

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4687, by Representative Dent

1           WHEREAS, 2024 marks the centennial of the first around the world  
2 flight which originated from Washington state, departing from  
3 Seattle's Sand Point Park; and

4           WHEREAS, On April 6, 1924, four Douglas World Cruisers, the  
5 Seattle, New Orleans, Chicago, and Boston, embarked on a grueling  
6 six-month journey to complete the first around the world flight; and

7           WHEREAS, Two crewmen operated each pontoon equipped biplane,  
8 without radios, parachutes, life preservers, or rafts due to weight  
9 restraints. Fortunately, the biplanes were flanked by ground and sea  
10 support from the United States Navy, Coast Guard, and Bureau of  
11 Fisheries; and

12           WHEREAS, The airmen covered 26,345 miles, touched down in 29  
13 countries in over 76 flights, and survived five forced landings. In  
14 the end, two of the four Douglas World Cruisers completed the entire  
15 journey; and

16           WHEREAS, On September 28, 1924, the Chicago and the New Orleans  
17 arrived at Seattle's Sand Point Park before 50,000 enthusiastic fans  
18 175 days after the flight had departed; and

19           WHEREAS, To commemorate the depth and breadth of Washington  
20 state's aeronautical history, Friends of Magnuson Park will host a  
21 multiday event leading up to September 28, 2024;

22           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
23 recognize and honor the many contributions made to our state by the

1 aeronautics and aviation community, and the Friends of Magnuson Park  
2 for bringing this important piece of history to our attention; and  
3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
4 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
5 Representatives to the 2024 Planning Committee of the Friends of  
6 Magnuson Park.

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