

# House Resolution 31 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY LYKAM, ABDUL-SAMAD, ALONS, ANDERSON, ARNOLD,  
1 3 BAILEY, BAUDLER, BELL, BERRY, BOAL, BUKTA,  
1 4 CHAMBERS, CLUTE, COHOON, DANDEKAR, DAVITT,  
1 5 DE BOEF, DEYOE, DOLECHECK, DRAKE, FOEGE,  
1 6 FORD, FORRISTALL, FREVERT, GASKILL, GAYMAN,  
1 7 GIPP, GRANZOW, GRASSLEY, GREINER, HEATON,  
1 8 HEDDENS, HOFFMAN, HORBACH, HUNTER, HUSEMAN,  
1 9 HUSER, JACOBS, JACOBY, JOCHUM, KAUFMANN,  
1 10 KELLEY, KRESSIG, KUHN, LENSING, LUKAN,  
1 11 MASCHER, MAY, MERTZ, H. MILLER,  
1 12 L. MILLER, OLDSOON, D. OLSON, R. OLSON,  
1 13 S. OLSON, T. OLSON, PALMER, PAULSEN,  
1 14 PETERSEN, PETTENGILL, QUIRK, RAECKER, RANTS,  
1 15 RASMUSSEN, RAYHONS, REASONER, REICHERT,  
1 16 ROBERTS, SANDS, SCHICKEL, SCHUELLER,  
1 17 SHOMSHOR, SMITH, SODERBERG, STAED, STRUYK,  
1 18 SWAIM, D. TAYLOR, T. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TJEPKES,  
1 19 TOMENGA, TYMESON, UPMEYER, VAN ENGELENHOVEN,  
1 20 VAN FOSSEN, WATTS, WENDT, WENTHE,  
1 21 WESSEL-KROESCHELL, WHITAKER, WHITEAD,  
1 22 WIENCKEK, WINCKLER, WINDSCHITL, WISE, and WORTHAN  
1 23 A Resolution honoring Iowan Eugene Ely, a pioneer in  
1 24 Naval aviation.  
1 25 WHEREAS, Eugene Ely was a pioneer of Naval aviation  
1 26 in the early twentieth century; and  
1 27 WHEREAS, Mr. Ely was born in Iowa County, Iowa, on  
1 28 October 21, 1886, and moved to Davenport, Iowa, at  
1 29 nine years of age; and  
1 30 WHEREAS, on November 14, 1910, he was the first  
2 1 aviator to successfully launch from a Navy ship, the  
2 2 U.S.S. Birmingham, at Hampton Roads, Virginia; and  
2 3 WHEREAS, on January 18, 1911, Mr. Ely was the first  
2 4 aviator to successfully land on a Navy ship, the  
2 5 U.S.S. Pennsylvania, near San Francisco Bay, off the  
2 6 coast of California; and  
2 7 WHEREAS, Eugene Ely was killed during an expedition  
2 8 flight in Macon, Georgia, at the age of 25 on October  
2 9 19, 1911, and is buried one-half mile from his  
2 10 birthplace in Iowa County; and  
2 11 WHEREAS, on February 16, 1933, President Herbert  
2 12 Hoover posthumously presented him with the  
2 13 Distinguished Flying Cross in honor of his feats; and  
2 14 WHEREAS, the United States Post Office issued a  
2 15 commemorative plaque to the city of Williamsburg,  
2 16 Iowa, which was prepared by the Naval Air Station of  
2 17 Norfolk, VA; and  
2 18 WHEREAS, the 100th Anniversary of his first launch  
2 19 and his first landing will be November 14, 2010, and  
2 20 January 18, 2011, respectively; and  
2 21 WHEREAS, Eugene Ely is worthy of having the next  
2 22 aircraft carrier named after him by naming the  
2 23 aircraft carrier "Eugene Ely" and a commemorative  
2 24 stamp should be issued by the United States Postal  
2 25 Service; NOW THEREFORE,  
2 26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
2 27 That the House of Representatives urges the United  
2 28 States Department of Defense to name the next aircraft  
2 29 carrier the "Eugene Ely" and requests the United  
2 30 States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp  
3 1 in honor of Mr. Ely; and  
3 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the  
3 3 House of Representatives is directed to deliver a  
3 4 suitable copy of this Resolution to the United States  
3 5 Secretary of Defense and the Postmaster General of the  
3 6 United States.  
3 7 LSB 2635HH 82  
3 8 jr:nh/es/88