

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Berger, Boone, Edwards D., Gilman, Kahl, Schaufler, Weidner, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates the airstrip at the Aurora State Airport as Wes Lematta Field at Aurora State Airport.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Accomplishments of Wes Lematta
- Importance of Columbia Helicopters, Inc.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Wes Lematta founded Columbia Helicopters, Inc. in April 1957. Columbia pioneered the technique of Direct Visual Operational Control (DVOC), now the accepted method of safe, precision cargo placement worldwide. Columbia has become the world leader in helicopter yarding of timber, known as "helilogging."

Today, Columbia Helicopters, headquartered at Aurora State Airport, has a fleet of 30 aircraft and approximately 800 employees.