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House Joint Memorial 20

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To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas unmanned aircraft are currently prohibited from flying in general airspace; and

Whereas manufacturers of unmanned aircraft require locations for aerial testing; and

Whereas it usually takes up to two years to obtain Federal Aviation Administration approval for testing of unmanned aircraft; and

Whereas central Oregon has proposed a large remote area for the testing of unmanned aircraft; and

Whereas manufacturers of unmanned aircraft locating to central Oregon would bring immediate economic benefit to the proposed test area; and

Whereas the recent unemployment rate for communities near the proposed test area ranges from a low of approximately 15 percent to a high of 18.6 percent; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that requires the Federal Aviation Administration to develop an expedited approval process for applications for aerial testing in rural counties with an unemployment rate of 10 percent or higher.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by House April 27, 2011

Ramona Kenady Line, Chief Clerk of House

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 31, 2011

Peter Courtney, President of Senate