

NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 43

Introduced by Howard, 9; Cunningham, 40; Price, 26

WHEREAS, the Savidge family of Holt County were pioneers in American aviation history; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Matt Savidge constructed a heavier-than-air self-powered vehicle for flight and successfully held a public demonstration with that vehicle on May 7, 1911. The Savidge brothers successfully built and flew many airplanes during the infancy of air flight; and

WHEREAS, Matt Savidge was among the first to develop a method of skywriting; and

WHEREAS, the Savidge brothers barnstormed across the Great Plains, bringing the dream of airplane flight to thousands of people; and

WHEREAS, according to Duane Hutchinson, author of Sandhills Aviators, Joe Savidge coined the flying adage "May you always land an equal number to the times you took off"; and

WHEREAS, Matt Savidge's death in a 1916 plane crash ended an important chapter in American and Nebraskan aviation history; and

WHEREAS, the Savidge family's contributions and sacrifices in aviation have not been given the recognition they deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Legislature recognizes and honors  
the aviation achievements of the Savidge family.

2. That the Clerk of the Legislature send a copy of this  
resolution to descendants of the Savidge family.