

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, May 24

Dear President Trump:

Let the importance of the role of Aviation Maintenance Technicians (AMT) across the aviation community be recognized by your Administration on May 24. It is the knowledge, skill and integrity of the men and women who are the “faces behind safety” that ensure the United States remains a leader in providing and maintaining safe, airworthy aircraft. Whether these professionals maintain military, civil, corporate, general, space, experimental or private aircraft, their responsibilities remain the same. Continuously raising the standards by which they measure themselves ensures the needed technical skills are passed onto each succeeding generation of AMT’s.

This dedication to their craft and profession can be traced back to the very first AMT, Charles E. Taylor. Mr. Taylor was the Wright brothers’ mechanic who provided the power that enabled the Wright brothers, and the United States, to be the first to conquer controlled, powered flight. It was Charlie, who with nothing more than a drill, lathe and a few simple hand tools, built the first aircraft engine. This was all accomplished within a six-week time frame and started with a block of aluminum.

Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Day is May 24th of each year in celebration of Charles E. Taylor’s birthday. This day is officially recognized by almost all 50 United States, Commonwealths and Territories, United States Congress and United States Senate.

As such, we request that the White House honor a true American hero that was almost forgotten by history, and recognize the importance of the contributions made by Charles E. Taylor and the men and women who have followed in his footsteps by celebrating Aviation Maintenance Technician Day on May 24 of this year and each year following.

Sincerely,

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