(136th General Assembly)
(House Resolution Number 304)

A RESOLUTION

To support Ohio's proposal to the Federal Aviation Administration related to the Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing and Advanced Air Mobility Integration Pilot Program.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, In Executive Order 14307, Unleashing American Drone Dominance, dated June 6, 2025, the President of the United States declared that it is the policy of the United States to accelerate the safe commercialization of unmanned aerial system (UAS) technologies and fully integrate UAS into the National Airspace System (NAS), as well as electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing (eVTOL) and other advanced aircraft mobility (AAM) aircraft operations; and

WHEREAS, The President directed the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and in coordination with the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), to establish an Integration Pilot Program under which state governments can partner with private sector organizations that have demonstrated experience with eVTOL or AAM development, manufacturing, and operators, or with new supporting technologies enabling eVTOL and AAM operations integration into the NAS; and

WHEREAS, Ohio, working with leading partners across industry, academia, and government is utilizing the opportunity provided by the Executive Order to demonstrate that Ohio can deliver successful outcomes pursuant to the FAA solicitations and proposals to test and validate operational concepts that can be scaled to national and international applications under the safety oversight of the FAA; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has engaged end users, original equipment manufacturers, airports, neighboring states, and operators to develop high-impact AAM use cases that address specific efficiency and operational needs in cargo logistics, medical transport, and rural access applications; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has a robust history of aviation innovation, is positioned as a national leader in AAM, and has invested heavily in its thriving ecosystem of federal, state, regional, and local agencies, industry, research, academia, nonprofits, and partners that are mobilized to support the state's eVTOL and AAM efforts; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is home to seven universities that are listed as R1 universities in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the highest tier of research activity, with each university spending at least $50 million annually on research, awarding at least 70 doctoral degrees each year, and attracting top researchers across numerous fields of academia; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the Air Force

Research Laboratory, has developed SkyVision, a low-altitude airspace management system that enables real-world Beyond Visual Line of Sight operations, making it a testbed for airspace modernization; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly, enthusiastically support the Ohio Department of Transportation's proposal to the FAA to select Ohio as one of the sites for the Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing and Advanced Air Mobility Integration Pilot Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly, recognize the opportunities that the Integration Pilot Program would afford Ohio residents for economic growth, new research opportunities, and educational benefits as Ohio continues to lead the way in accelerating solutions for scaling eVTOL and AAM across Ohio and the United States; and be further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, United States Transportation Secretary, Federal Aviation Administration Administrator, and the news media of Ohio.

Speaker _____ of the House of Representatives.

Adopted _____, 20____