

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 93

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the Federal Aviation
2 Administration to establish the minimum age at which a person may
3 manipulate the controls of an aircraft with another pilot on board as 16
4 years.

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6 **WHEREAS**, On April 10, 1996, Jessica Dubroff of Pescadero, California, age
7 seven, tried to set an aviation record by becoming the youngest person to
8 pilot an aircraft across the United States; and

9 **WHEREAS**, On April 11, 1996, Jessica Dubroff, along with her father, Lloyd
10 Dubroff and her flight instructor, Joe Reid crashed soon after taking off
11 from the Cheyenne, Wyoming, airport into a rapidly approaching
12 thunderstorm; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) regulations allow the
14 manipulation of flight controls by non-pilots of any age on dual control
15 aircraft, even during takeoffs and landings; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The FAA needs to revise its regulations to require that the
17 minimum age to fly with another pilot be raised to 16 years; now,
18 therefore,

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20 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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22 1. The Federal Aviation Administration is respectfully memorialized to
23 establish the minimum age at which a person may manipulate the controls of
24 an aircraft with another pilot on board as 16 years.

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26 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
27 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted
28 to the President of the United States, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation
29 Administration and every member of Congress elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

This resolution memorializes the Federal Aviation Administration to establish the minimum age at which a person may manipulate the controls of an aircraft with another pilot on board as 16 years. The purpose of this resolution is to prevent another tragedy from occurring such as the one on April 11, 1996, where Jessica Dubroff, of Pescadero, California, along with her father, Lloyd Dubroff and her flight instructor, Joe Reid crashed soon after taking off from the Cheyenne, Wyoming, airport into a rapidly approaching thunderstorm. The previous day, Jessica Dubroff, age seven, started her cross-country flight in order to set an aviation record by becoming the youngest person to pilot an aircraft across the United States.

Memorializes FAA to establish the minimum age at which a person may manipulate the controls of an aircraft with another pilot on board as 16 years.