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## CSHJR5(TRA)am Recognizing the Academy of Model Aeronautics for Establishing Safety Guidelines and Best Practices

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## **Sponsor Statement**

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Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) are beginning to fill our skies. Military, government, businesses and especially hobbyists are increasingly employing the fast-evolving technology as the units become more affordable. One brand of UAS reports more than 10,000 of one model are purchased every month in the United States.

Established in 1936, the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is a community-based organization that continues to work with the FAA to establish safety guidelines and best practices for hobbyists engaging in the sport of recreational remote control flying. The AMA hosts a wide range of services for the betterment of the sport including flying competitions and stunt events, education seminars, publications, skill development of model aeronautics, and comradery amongst enthusiasts.

This resolution reflects the desire of the legislature in supporting the Academy of Model Aeronautics as the leading community-based organization for the establishment of recreational flight safety guidelines and best practices.

The legislature also recognizes the AMA for promotes privacy considerations for recreational pilots.