

Assembly Resolution No. 501

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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
May 20, 2023, as Transatlantic Flight Day in the  
State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 20, 2023, as Transatlantic Flight Day in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles A. Lindbergh commenced his historic, non-stop transatlantic flight from New York to Paris at Garden City's Roosevelt Field; and

**WHEREAS,** Lindbergh, a United States Air Mail pilot, made his journey in the single-seat, single-engine monoplane, Spirit of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS,** The May 20-21, 1927, journey, covering 3,510 miles, was a landmark event in aviation and the history of our Nation, which revolutionized the course of aviation; and

**WHEREAS,** The feat took Lindbergh from virtual obscurity to worldwide fame as he claimed a reward offered by New York hotel owner Raymond Orteig to the first allied aviator(s) to fly non-stop from New York City to Paris or vice-versa; and

**WHEREAS,** Commencing five years later on that same date, May 20, 1932, Amelia Earhart emulated Lindbergh's flight becoming the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic for which she received the Distinguished Flying Cross from Congress; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1997, a monument to Charles Lindbergh, commemorating the 70th Anniversary of his takeoff, was erected at the intersection of Source Mall Drive and Transverse Drive in East Garden City, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Hempstead and area residents have been working to protect the monument and the historic area, as well as develop further educational and visitor activities at the site; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is proud to proclaim official days that are set aside to recognize important events in the history of our State and Nation, and to express support and gratitude for the commitment shown by the members of the Town of Hempstead Landmarks Preservation Committee in recognizing this site; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 20, 2023, as Transatlantic Flight Day in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, and the Town of Hempstead Landmarks Preservation Committee.