

1 Wheeling in the northern panhandle; and

2 Whereas, Annually, a large amount of travel is undertaken by
3 state employees traveling between Charleston and the rest of the
4 state, and between communities throughout West Virginia, to carry
5 out their duties that require expenditures for travel related
6 expenses; and

7 Whereas, An intrastate air service would provide a quicker,
8 more efficient and potentially less costly alternative, not only
9 for the state for its employees' travel, but for businesses and
10 visitors as well; and

11 Whereas, An intrastate air service would enhance the current
12 level of air service that presently exists in the state; and

13 Whereas, An intrastate air service would attract new
14 businesses, benefit existing businesses located in the state and
15 enhance West Virginia's robust tourism industry; and

16 Whereas, An intrastate air service would enable the state to
17 meet the present and future needs of West Virginia's communities,
18 local governments, businesses, citizens and visitors; and

19 Whereas, The implementation of an intrastate air service to
20 better connect West Virginia's communities via quicker and safer
21 air travel is in the best interest of the State of West Virginia;
22 therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

24 That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby

1 requested to study the implementation of an intrastate air service
2 to better connect West Virginia's communities via quicker and safer
3 air travel; and, be it

4 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and
5 Finance is encouraged to work with the Aeronautics Commission of
6 the West Virginia Department of Transportation, West Virginia's
7 regional airport authorities and the West Virginia Division of
8 Tourism; and, be it

9 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and
10 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on
11 its findings, conclusions and recommendations, together with drafts
12 of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations;
13 and, be it

14 *Further Resolved*, That the expenses necessary to conduct this
15 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be
16 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on
17 Government and Finance.