

SUMMARY REPORT TO MANAGER
for City Council Meeting of June 12, 2006

SUBJECT: DOT HORNSBY DAY

RESOLUTION SUMMARY: This resolution authorizes the Mayor to issue a proclamation designating June 16, 2006, as Dot Hornsby Day in Midland.

- ITEMS ATTACHED:**
- 1. Letter of Transmittal
 - 2. Letter of Request
 - 3. Resolution
 - 4. Proclamation

COUNCIL ACTION: 1. 3/5 vote required to approve resolution.

Libby Richart
Communications Coordinator
June 7, 2006



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June 7, 2006

Karl S. Tomion, City Manager
City of Midland
Midland, MI 48640

Dear Karl:

We received a request from Linda Langrill of the Midland Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1093, asking the City of Midland to issue a proclamation designating June 16, 2006, as Dot Hornsby Day in Midland.

Attached is a resolution that authorizes Midland City Council to issue the attached proclamation designating June 16, 2006, as Dot Hornsby Day in Midland.

Sincerely,

Libby Richart
Communications Coordinator
(989) 837-3307

May 25, 2006

To: City of Midland, City Council

From: Linda Langrill, Midland Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1093

Re: Request for Proclamation of Dot Hornsby Day, June 16, 2006

I am writing to request that Friday, June 16, be proclaimed Dot Hornsby Day in Midland, Michigan. Dot is a retired Midland Public Schools Middle School mathematics teacher and counselor and has a passion for her hobby as a private pilot. Ever since earning her license in 1994, Dot has shared her love of flying with those around her. Her first passenger was Myrtle Salisbury, social studies teacher and close friend of Dot's.

It was a joint dream of Dot and her husband, Jay Hornsby, to learn to fly. But Jay's life was cut short when he died in 1992 of cancer. Dot had the courage and determination to continue alone with their dream and enrolled in a private pilot ground school in early 1993. She started her flying lessons in Midland at Stephen's Aviation Services at Jack Barstow Airport in February 1993 and did her first solo flight on July 19, 1993. She earned her private pilot's license in 1994 and also her instrument rating and currently flies a Cessna 182 four-passenger single engine high performance airplane.

In 1995 Dot established the first Aviation Camp, a day-camp held at the Aviation Education Center at Midland Jack Barstow Airport. The camp grew in length from three to five days, plus an additional day where the campers flew a flight they themselves had planned with a certified pilot. The 11th annual Midland Aviation Camp is being held this year from June 12 - 17. Over 170 young people in grades 8 - 12 have been introduced to aviation through the camp experience. Some of those young people have gone on to careers in aviation, including two who have had appointments to the United States Air Force Academy. Others have gone on to earn scholarships to pursue careers in aviation. Several campers have gone on to become helpers with subsequent camps. She has advertised the camp to all secondary schools in Midland County. She has enlisted the help of pilots from the Midland and mid-Michigan area to help with the camp and has arranged for speakers on diverse topics to speak and provide hands-on demonstrations for the campers. She established the tradition of inviting one of the Greatest Generation World War II pilots to come and speak to the Aviation Campers each year.

Dot, who refers to herself on her business card as "The Flying Grandma," has flown several hundred Young Eagle flights under the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) program to introduce youngsters to the joy of flight. She has volunteered her time and airplane to fly missions for the Wings of Mercy organization, making multiple trips to Rochester, Minnesota and to Boston, Massachusetts, to carry clients traveling to receive specialized treatment and who would otherwise be unable to afford a commercial flight or who would be unable to endure the long hours and transfers on a commercial flight.

Dot serves the Midland EAA Chapter 1093 as Membership Chairperson, and has done so for over 10 years. She assists with every pilot and community event that is held at the airport. She has organized presentations and tours of the airport for numerous school, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

Dot worked with the Midland Area Community Foundation to establish the Hornsby Aviation Scholarship, given to a young person for the purpose of taking flying lessons or ground school in

preparation for flight training. The first scholarship was given in 2003 and additional scholarships have been awarded in 2004 and 2005. The 2006 winner will be announced by Dot on the last day of Aviation Camp, June 16, 2006. Previous winners are David Parsons, Marcus Plessner and Sarah Lund, all who are pursuing careers in aviation.

Dot has donated airplane rides to church and community groups. She has given countless rides to friends and associates and has encouraged more than one of those people to pursue their own dream of learning to fly. She has flown to Alaska in her own plane in 2002 and has written articles and given talks on the experience to many groups. She pursues good press for aviation events at every opportunity. She assisted in the fund raising efforts for the design and construction of the new Jack Barstow Airport Terminal that was constructed in 2004-2005. She served on the committee to complete the interior of the terminal building and put together a collection of historical photos of the airport at its previous location on Eastlawn between Swede and Washington, which are on display in the conference room at the Midland airport.

Dot is also a member of The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, and is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Experimental Aircraft Association, Civitan Club and the Cultural Awareness Committee at the Midland Area Community Foundation. Her story was featured in a feature story written by Tara Jane Kaminski in the 2005 Annual Report, Evergreen, published by the Midland Area Community Foundation.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to declare Friday, June 16, 2006 as "Dot Hornsby Day" in Midland.

Sincerely,

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BY COUNCILMAN

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to issue the attached proclamation designating June 16, 2006, as Dot Hornsby Day in Midland.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

I, Selina Tisdale, City Clerk, City of Midland, Counties of Bay and Midland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a yea vote of all the Councilmen present at a regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 12, 2006.

Selina Tisdale, City Clerk

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dorothy "Dot" Hornsby, a retired Midland Public Schools middle school mathematics teacher and counselor with a dream of learning to fly a plane, enrolled in a private pilot ground school in early 1993, started flying lessons at Jack Barstow Municipal Airport in February 1993, flew her first solo flight on July 19, 1993, and earned her private pilot's license in 1994; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Dot established the first Aviation Camp, a day camp held at the Aviation Education Center at Midland's Jack Barstow Municipal Airport, where over 170 young people in grades 8 – 12 have been introduced to aviation through the camp experience, some of whom have gone on to careers in aviation; and

WHEREAS, Dot, who refers to herself on her business card as "The Flying Grandma", has flown several hundred Young Eagle flights through the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) program to introduce youngsters to the joy of flight, and has volunteered her time and airplane to fly missions for the Wings of Mercy organization; and

WHEREAS, Dot has served the Midland EAA Chapter 1093 as Membership Chairperson for over ten years, has assisted with every pilot and community event held at the airport and has organized presentations and tours of the airport for numerous schools, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and assisted in fund raising efforts for the design and construction of the new Jack Barstow Municipal Airport Terminal; and

WHEREAS, Dot worked with the Midland Area Community Foundation in 2003 to establish the Hornsby Aviation Scholarship, given to a young person for the purpose of taking flying lessons or ground school in preparation for flight training; and

WHEREAS, Dot is a member of The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Experimental Aircraft Association, Civitan Club and the Cultural Awareness Committee at the Midland Area Community Foundation; now

THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and the City Council of Midland, Michigan, do hereby join in proclaiming June 16, 2006, as

DOT HORNSBY DAY

in the City of Midland, and express our sincerest appreciation for her tireless efforts in promoting aviation in our community.

*Issued by Council Authorization
Given Monday, June 12, 2006*

Bruce A. Johnson, Mayor

Attest:

Selina Tisdale, City Clerk