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WASHINGTON, D.C. MARCH 17 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today cosponsored a resolution honoring Amelia Earhart, the first woman who matched Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

Born in Atchison, Kans., in 1898, Miss Earhart also attempted an around-the-world flight in July, 1937. The trip was never completed. Her plane was lost between Lae, New Guinea and Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean.

The resolution, introduced by Senator Barry Goldwater, would direct the President to proclaim May 12 as "Amelia Earhart-Joan Merriam Smith Aviation Day". Mrs. Smith, the aviatrix who flew the identical course Miss Earhart began, completed her flight around the world May 12, 1964.

The resolution also suggested that the President consider awarding the Medal of Freedom to Mrs. Smith and posthumously to Miss Earhart, and that a special commemorative stamp be issued.

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