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In today's turbulent aviation environment, there is one constant: Commercial flight schools are the "gatekeepers" for thousands of civilian pilots who will someday take their seats in the cockpits of planes ranging from small single-engine aircraft to the largest jumbo jets.

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As you read this, somewhere in the nation a young person has just walked through the door of a flight school to say magic words: "I want to learn to fly!" It's a dream that has existed long before two brothers from Ohio made the first powered airplane flight nearly 100 years ago. It's a dream that today's flight schools are helping to make a reality. - Editorial provided by the FAA

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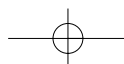
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