

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Carol Foy of Spicewood has earned great distinction
2 as the copilot of a record-breaking flight around the world in a
3 single-engine airplane in December 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Foy and pilot CarolAnn Garratt undertook this
5 historic flight in order to raise awareness of amyotrophic lateral
6 sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease; both women
7 have loved ones who have been afflicted with the illness, and they
8 hope to raise \$1 million to support ALS research; and

9 WHEREAS, Flying a 1993 Mooney MSE 201 single-engine plane,
10 Ms. Foy and her partner completed their epic journey in 160 hours,
11 leaving from and returning to Orlando, Florida; they stopped only
12 nine times for refueling and sleep, passing through Hawaii, Guam,
13 Thailand, Oman, Mali, and the Cape Verde Islands; after a final leg
14 that lasted 23 hours, they finished their flight on December 12,
15 2008; and

16 WHEREAS, The current official world record for a
17 round-the-world trip in a single-engine plane was set in 1988, with
18 an average speed of 54.6 miles per hour; the flight of Ms. Foy and
19 Ms. Garratt is still being verified by the Federation Aeronautique
20 Internationale, but they appear to have broken that record; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Foy first learned to fly when her husband, an
22 airline pilot, purchased a small plane; she is rated on
23 single-engine, multi-engine, and commercial aircraft, and in 2006,
24 she won the Air Race Classic, a cross-country race for women pilots;

1 since her husband's death, she has taken up flying full-time,
2 working as a flight instructor and a contract pilot; and

3 WHEREAS, Together with Ms. Garratt, Ms. Foy is participating
4 in speaking engagements around the country to talk about their trip
5 and raise money for ALS research; so far, they have raised more than
6 \$150,000; and

7 WHEREAS, Carol Foy's remarkable achievement is not only a
8 triumph of skill and endurance, but a demonstration of compassion
9 and commitment, and it is a pleasure to recognize this exemplary
10 Texas aviator for her part in this amazing endeavor; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Carol Foy for her recent record-breaking
14 round-the-world flight and extend to her sincere best wishes for
15 clear skies and favorable winds in the days and years ahead; and, be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Ms. Foy as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.

Bolton

H.R. No. 449

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 449 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House