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H.R. No. 449

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.