

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 878

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Captain Chesley Sullenberger, whose bravery, professionalism, quick thinking, and skill saved the lives of the more than 150 passengers and crew aboard US Airways Flight 1549; and

WHEREAS, Captain Sullenberger was piloting US Airways Flight 1549 on January 15, 2009, when a catastrophic bird strike disabled his aircraft shortly after takeoff; Captain Sullenberger was able to guide the plane to an emergency water landing in the Hudson River with only a few minor injuries to those on board; and

WHEREAS, Captain Sullenberger is a 1969 graduate of Denison High School, where he was consistently in the top one percent in every academic category; he also served as president of the Latin Club and was first chair flute; and

WHEREAS, Captain Sullenberger evinced an interest in aviation from a very young age, and he earned a pilot's license at the age of 14; following his graduation from high school, he attended the United States Air Force Academy, where he became an instructor pilot in the academy's cadet glider program by the end of his freshman year and received the outstanding Cadet in Airmanship Award as the top flier in his graduating class; and

WHEREAS, He earned a master's degree from Purdue University and served as a fighter pilot for the air force for five years, advancing to become a flight leader and training officer; Captain Sullenberger began working for US Airlines in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, With more than 40 years of flying experience, Captain Sullenberger has consistently shown himself to be an exceptional pilot and leader; he is truly deserving of recognition for his professionalism and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Captain Chesley Sullenberger on his exemplary record and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate