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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 16, 2009

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III is a native of Danville, California;

Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III has a bachelor of science degree from the United States Air Force Academy, a master of science degree from Purdue University, and a

master of the arts degree from the University of Northern Colorado;

Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III has been named a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley;

Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III bravely served his country as a United States Air Force fighter pilot;

Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III has committed his career to aviation safety by serving as an instructor, safety chairman, accident investigator, and national technical committee member of the Air Line Pilots Association;

Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III has played an active role in numerous accident investigations by the United States Air Force and the National Transportation Safety Board;

Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III has played an important role in the development and implementation of the Crew Resource Management course used at U.S. Airways, and has educated hundreds of his colleagues in the course;

Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III is a veteran pilot who has flown for more than 40 years;

Whereas Jeffrey Skiles is a native of Oregon, Wisconsin;

Whereas Jeffrey Skiles has been flying planes since he was 15 years old;

Whereas Jeffrey Skiles has been an employee of U.S. Airways for 25 years;

Whereas, on January 15, 2009, Chesley Sullenberger III and his co-pilot Jeffrey Skiles averted a devastating disaster by safely and masterfully landing U.S. Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River in New York, New York;

Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III did not deplane his aircraft until all 150 passengers and 4 other crewmembers were safely evacuated;

Whereas the crewmembers of U.S. Airways Flight 1549 and the first responders, ferry operators, and tugboat drivers of New York City played critical roles in ensuring that the passengers and crewmembers on the airplane were expeditiously taken to safety, and that there were no fatalities in the accident;

Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III, Jeffrey Skiles, U.S. Airways Flight 1549 crewmembers, and the first responders, ferry operators, and tugboat drivers of New York City are true American heroes and are deserving of the praise and gratitude of the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and honors  
2 Chesley Sullenberger III, Jeffrey Skiles, the crewmembers  
3 and passengers of U.S. Airways Flight 1549, and the first  
4 responders, ferry operators, and tugboat drivers of New  
5 York City for their heroic efforts in the safe emergency  
6 landing of U.S. Airways Flight 1549, which saved 155  
7 lives.

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