



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 4

January 29, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives DAVIS and HEBL, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending the heroic efforts of US Airways pilot Jeff Skiles in the
2 Hudson River crash of flight 1549.

3 Whereas, Jeff Skiles was piloting US Airways flight 1549 on Thursday, January
4 15, 2009, as it left New York City’s LaGuardia Airport carrying 150 passengers and
5 five crew members; and

6 Whereas, at an elevation of 3,000 feet the plane collided with a flock of birds,
7 disabling both engines just 90 seconds after takeoff as the plane was over one of the
8 most densely populated cities in the world; and

9 Whereas, the aircraft’s first officer, Jeff Skiles, turned the plane’s controls over
10 to captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger III, who avoided catastrophe by successfully
11 landing the airbus A320 in the icy waters of the Hudson River; and

12 Whereas, Jeff Skiles, along with Sullenberger and the rest of the crew
13 successfully evacuated all 150 passengers in a water evacuation that was supported
14 by Manhattan commuter ferries and New York rescue personnel; and

