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## 2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

January 23, 2009 - Introduced by Senators Erpenbach and Miller. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: commending the heroic efforts of US Airways pilot Jeff Skiles in the 1 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 Whereas, at an elevation of 3,000 feet the plane collided with a flock of birds, 6 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

by Manhattan commuter ferries and New York rescue personnel; and

Whereas, Jeff Skiles, who resides in Oregon, Wisconsin with his wife Barbara and children Kelly, Matthew, and James, feels that he did exactly what his colleagues in the airline industry do everyday—work their hardest to provide safe, comfortable air travel to passengers and in this case, doing their best in the circumstances they were given; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin commends the heroic actions of Jeff Skiles and the crew of US Airways flight 1549 in their calm and collected actions that saved the lives of 150 passengers and avoided tragedy for so many; and wish them well in their continued service to the airline industry, along with all of the other men and women serving with them; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to Jeff Skiles and his family, of Oregon, and his parents James and Deloris Skiles, of Verona.

15 (END)