



## 2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

January 23, 2009 – Introduced by Senators ERPENBACH and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

