

further the discussion about data privacy and protection.

CONCLUSION

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the promotion of the protection of personal information and data by designating January 28, 2009, as "National Data Privacy Day," which will endorse the safeguard of personal information online and affects all of us.

Mr. WELCH. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 31.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

HONORING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF THE PILOT, CREW, AND RESCUERS OF US AIRWAYS FLIGHT 1549

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 84) honoring the heroic actions of the pilot, crew, and rescuers of US Airways Flight 1549.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 84

Whereas US Airways Flight 1549 took off from LaGuardia Airport in Queens, New York, on January 15, 2009, bound for Charlotte, North Carolina, and lost engine power shortly after takeoff;

Whereas Captain Chesley B. Sullenberger III and First Officer Jeffrey B. Skiles recognized the need to land the plane quickly and sought out the Hudson River as the best option to avoid populated areas;

Whereas Sullenberger and Skiles displayed quick thinking and skillful control of the aircraft, setting the plane down in a controlled landing in the water;

Whereas flight attendants Sheila Dail, Doreen Welsh, and Donna Dent of Flight 1549 reacted swiftly to prepare passengers for impact in a minimal amount of time;

Whereas local ferry boats, official police boats, and U.S. Coast Guard crafts were able to reach the airliner quickly and rescue the passengers and crew from the near-freezing water;

Whereas Dail, Welsh, and Dent evacuated all 150 passengers onto the awaiting U.S. Coast Guard, ferry boats, and official police boats within minutes;

Whereas even as the plane began sinking in the Hudson River, Sullenberger remained in the plane surveying the aisle twice to make sure all passengers had gotten out safely before he exited the aircraft; and

Whereas due to the heroic efforts of the flight crew of Flight 1549, and the rescue boats, all 155 passengers and crew survived, without serious injury: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) applauds the skill, quick thinking, and bravery of Captain Chesley B. Sullenberger III and First Officer Jeffrey B. Skiles;

(2) commends the quick response by the flight attendants Doreen Welsh, Donna Dent, and Sheila Dail of Flight 1549 to prepare passengers for impact and rapid evacuation; and

(3) praises the quick response from the boats, first responders, and private citizens that arrived at the scene to aid and rescue passengers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. COSTELLO) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H. Res. 84.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. COSTELLO. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 84, a resolution honoring the heroic actions of the pilot, crew, and rescuers of US Airways Flight 1549.

I want to thank my colleague, Mr. CROWLEY, for introducing this resolution. LaGuardia Airport is in the congressional district represented by Congressman CROWLEY, and he has represented that district for some time. I know that he is very proud of all of the men and women whose actions resulted in a safe outcome for everyone. It is truly remarkable and a testament to all involved in the emergency landing and rescue that all passengers and crew got out safely, without serious injuries or death.

On January 15, 2009, US Airways Flight 1549 was departing LaGuardia Airport for Charlotte, North Carolina and, within minutes, lost engine power. Captain Chesley Sullenberger III and First Officer Jeffrey Skiles realized the seriousness of the situation, and immediately sought a safe place to land.

The Hudson River was their only option, and these two pilots, as well as flight attendants Sheila Dail, Doreen Welsh, and Donna Dent, worked together to prepare the 150 passengers for the emergency landing. The crew did an excellent job on the controlled landing in the Hudson River. The flight crew and flight attendants did exactly what they were trained to do, and they did it superbly.

This incident demonstrates the importance of training and preparation, showcases the skill of our aviation and first responder workforce, and reinforces the importance of consistent vigilance and oversight of our aviation safety.

I also want to commend the emergency crews in New York City who

reached the crew and passengers in record time and immediately began rescue operations.

Again, we honor the crew, passengers, and emergency responders involved in US Airways Flight 1549, and I urge my colleagues to strongly support H. Res. 84.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

I would like to just begin by commending and thanking the chairman of our Aviation Subcommittee for giving all of the members of the subcommittee an opportunity to meet some of the people who were involved in this, what could have been tragic, and turned out to be a heroic day, on February 24 when we have tentatively scheduled a subcommittee hearing to meet and find out what worked, what didn't work, and what could be done even better in the future.

But I certainly on this day rise in support of the resolution before us, House Resolution 84, honoring the heroic actions of the pilot, crew, and the rescuers of US Airways Flight 1549.

Like so many flights leaving New York's LaGuardia Airport on January 15, 2009, US Airways Flight 1549 pushed back late from the terminal with passengers ready to get to their destination in Charlotte, North Carolina. What happened next was anything but normal.

Shortly after takeoff, the airplane, carrying some 155 passengers and crew, unexpectedly struck a flock of large birds, causing both engines to fail.

Captain Chesley B. Sullenberger III, a veteran pilot with decades of experience in both the commercial airline industry and the United States Air Force, was forced to ditch his aircraft in the icy cold waters of the Hudson River.

That every person onboard the flight survived the dual engine failure and the aircraft's controlled ditch into the frigid waters of the Hudson River is an extraordinary testimony to the hard work of all aviation safety personnel. I applaud the quick actions of pilot and crew alike, and commend their actions as critical to the survival of all 150 passengers.

Also to be commended are those who so quickly responded to rescue those precariously balanced on the wings of the sinking plane. Indeed, even after surviving impact of a skillfully executed ditch effort, survivors of this accident still face the perils of hypothermia in the cold waters of the Hudson River. The quick action of police, Coast Guard, ferry operators, and other first responders ensured the survival of all involved in the accident, and their efforts are to be commended.

The robust training programs within the airline industry, Federal Aviation Administration safety oversight efforts, as well as the equipment improvements by aircraft manufacturers, all contributed to the survival of those aboard Flight 1549.

January 15 could have been a day stained by tragedy, but thanks to individual actions of Captain Sullenberger, the crew onboard, and the ongoing safety efforts of so many within the industry, we will remember that day differently. The outcome of Flight 1549 affirms the value of the hard work of the aviation safety professionals, but also renews the call for continual improvements in aviation safety.

I salute those safety professionals and crew who played a role in that day's events, support House Resolution 84, and look forward to the opportunity on February 24 for us to meet some of the heroes of that day and to learn from their testimony.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from New York, the sponsor of the resolution, Congressman CROWLEY.

Mr. CROWLEY. I thank my friend from Illinois for yielding me this time.

Madam Speaker, the successful landing of US Airways Flight 1549 on Thursday, January 15, 2009, was nothing short of a miracle, and I rise to honor and thank all those who were involved in this rescue and recovery effort.

Shortly after takeoff on Thursday, January 15, US Airways Flight 1549 departed LaGuardia Airport in my district in Queens, was struck by a flock of birds, and lost power in both engines. After the collision, the pilot and copilot literally had seconds to determine how to get that plane back to the ground. Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger III and First Officer Jeffrey B. Skiles thought about trying to land back at LaGuardia or even getting over to Teterboro Airport, New Jersey, but realized that there was not enough power to get that far. Instead, they decided to attempt an emergency landing in the least populated area of New York City, the Hudson River.

Water landings, also referred to as ditching, are incredibly difficult, and any minor error could cause the landing to end in tragedy. But the tremendous skills of the captain and the first officer were on display that day, and they successfully glided the plane down and safely landed it on the river. In the meantime, the flight attendants, Donna Dent, Doreen Welsh, and Sheila Dail, prepared passengers for impact.

When the plane came to a complete stop, Ms. Dent, Ms. Walsh, and Ms. Dail quickly opened the doors of the plane and started to evacuate passengers safely and efficiently. Within minutes, all the passengers were evacuated onto the wings of the plane, where boats, ferries, and others on the scene approached the sinking jet and began helping the passengers and crew off the wings and safely away from the near freezing Hudson River waters. They were not just New Yorkers; there were folks from New Jersey as well helping in this rescue effort.

Still, as the plane continued to sink into the freezing waters, Captain

Sullenberger walked the cabin not once, but twice, to make sure everyone was safely off the plane before deplaning himself.

Due to the skill and coordinated efforts by the pilots, crew, and first responders on the scene, everyone on the plane is alive and well today.

Madam Speaker, we owe a debt of gratitude to the crew of Flight 1549 and all the first responders who helped evacuate passengers.

Madam Speaker, some people call this event "the miracle on the Hudson." I say this was no miracle. This was the skillful flying of two veteran pilots, the quick reaction of highly trained flight attendants, and the responsiveness of Coast Guard ships, ferries, and private citizens. These people showed to the world the best of our aviation and first responder system. I am proud of the heroic actions of everyone involved.

I hope you will join me in honoring Captain Sullenberger, First Officer Skiles, Flight Attendants Dail, Welsh, and Dent, and all the men and women who came to the aid of the passengers, and the passengers themselves, the cooperation they demonstrated that day, those passengers stuck on the wing of a sinking plane in the middle of a freezing Hudson River. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I would just add, as the congressional representative of LaGuardia Airport where Flight 1549 took off, I often have to answer complaints, particularly from my constituents, about the airport and those who fly through or live by the airport. It is not often we get to say good things about LaGuardia Airport.

Like any airport, LaGuardia produces noise, but on January 15, the crew of Flight 1549 made all of us and LaGuardia Airport proud.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. COSTELLO. I yield the gentleman 1 additional minute.

Mr. CROWLEY. Congressmen NADLER, MCMAHON, and MCNERNEY and I introduced this legislation because we wanted to pause and recognize the heroic efforts of the first officer, the captain, the flight attendants, as well as all the first responders. They deserve our thanks and applause. We have heard it said in the past, boy, that was a close call. I think in the future you're going to hear it said, boy, that was a 1549. At least I like to think that that will be catchy.

I urge all of my colleagues to please support this resolution.

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York, Congressman HALL.

Mr. HALL of New York. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Madam Speaker, I rise today also to pay tribute to a heroic achievement.

It's nearly unimaginable that a commercial airliner would be forced to land in a busy river. And as a sailor who has sailed through New York Harbor on the Hudson River on all different sizes and shapes of power and sailboats, I can only imagine what it's like to try to land a 55-ton glider, which is in effect what Captain Sullenberger had. And fortunately he was not only trained in flying gliders, but he was an instructor in flying gliders and had that experience to call on and was able to land softly without catching a wing tip. We've all seen those terrible water landings, which of course George Carlin used to call "a crash," but the water landings where one wing tip catches and the plane winds up somersaulting and coming apart, it really is miraculous, but it's also the most amazing demonstration of aviation skill, one of them, that I have ever seen.

And because of the actions of Captain Sullenberger, First Officer Skiles and their uncommon bravery, despite the loss of both engines, they were able to land where they would not cause casualties on the ground in the Hudson River. And the fact that he checked the plane twice behind every seat, looking up and down the aisles twice to make sure that no one was left before he left his aircraft is another sign of his professionalism and bravery, as was the demonstration of coolness and professionalism by Sheila Dail, Doreen Welsh and Donna Dent, the flight attendants and the 150 passengers who remained on board and held hands and bonded with each other, including my constituent, Diane Higgins of Goshen, New York, and her 85-year old mother who were led to safety. They were all heroes on that plane, but there were also the first responders, the ferry boat captains, the police and Coast Guard who brought the passengers and crew safely to land from that near freezing water. This is what our first responders are trained to do. And like the crew on board Flight 1549, they did so perfectly and without incident.

Madam Speaker, the quick thinking and the heroic actions of the flight crew and first responders are something we are all proud of. I urge support of this resolution.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, at this time I yield 2 minutes to my friend from New Jersey, Congressman ALBIO SIRES.

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work by rescue and nonrescue workers in the New York and New Jersey region in responding to January 15's emergency water landing of US Airways Flight 1549. I commend them for their amazing efforts to safely rescue the flight's 155 passengers.

I would like to publicly thank Captain Chesley Sullenberger and the flight crew whose heroism and guidance helped everyone survive the water landing. Secondly, the quick reactions from New York Waterways ferry operators and the area's first responders

should be recognized and commended. Their quick response allowed all passengers to exit the plane before it was fully submerged and to be quickly retrieved from the frigid waters. New York Waterways, a ferry company based in Weehawken, New Jersey, that usually shuttles commuters back and forth across the Hudson River, played a critical role in the rescue efforts. Boats were able to reach the crash site within minutes of impact and deliver passengers safely to the shores of New York and New Jersey where they could receive medical attention if necessary. Fortunately, major injuries were few. And I am extremely thankful for the response of New Jersey hospitals, including Christ Hospital, Palisades Medical Center, Hoboken Medical Center and Jersey City Medical Center, that treated the injured and those suffering from exposure to extremely cold temperatures.

I am inspired by the heroic efforts of all involved that led to the rescue of all 155 passengers. And I am impressed by the teamwork that contributed to this successful rescue mission.

I would also like to recognize the following New Jersey-based organizations that came to the aid of Flight 1549: Weehawken and all Regional Emergency Management Services, Office of Emergency Management and Hudson County, North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue, Police Departments of Weehawken, Union City, Guttenberg, West New York, Port Authority of New York New Jersey, and New Jersey Transit, Hudson County Sheriff's Department.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. COSTELLO. I yield the gentleman 1 additional minute.

Mr. SIREN. Hudson County Sheriff's Department, Weehawken Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Staff, Arthur's Landing Restaurant of Weehawken, Sheraton Hotels of Weehawken, Modell's Sporting Goods Store of West New York, and the Office of Mayor Richard Turner of Weehawken and Mayor Brian Stack of Union City.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, at this time, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California and a member of the Aviation Subcommittee, Mr. McNERNEY.

Mr. McNERNEY. I thank the gentleman from Illinois.

And I rise this evening to add my voice to the chorus of praise for Captain Sullenberger, who on January 15 safely set down a US Airways Flight 1549 on the icy waters of the Hudson River. Captain Sullenberger is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and spent years as an Air Force pilot before going to US Airways. He was always a proponent of safety and training. Captain Sullenberger wasn't one who looked for trouble, but he was one who was ready when trouble came. And on January 15, trouble found Captain Sullenberger and Flight 1549.

Captain Sullenberger and the crew of Flight 1549 were ready with less than 2 minutes, the time that I'm speaking here right now, made critical decisions and safely set down the plane on the Hudson River. Because of the heroic action of Captain Sullenberger and the crew of Flight 1549, 155 American citizens are home safe with their families tonight. There wasn't one fatality and not one critical injury.

This Saturday, in Captain Sullenberger's hometown of Danville, California, in my congressional district, more than 5,000 people came out on a dark, windy, cool day, a damp day to give praise and to give honor to Captain Sullenberger. And Captain Sullenberger is a true American hero. He is not an action figure from a movie. He is a true American hero.

I commend Captain Sullenberger and the crew of 1549 and urge my colleagues to join me by passing House Resolution 84.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, at this time, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER).

Mr. NADLER of New York. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution honoring the heroic actions of the pilot, crew and rescue teams with respect to US Airways Flight 1549. When that flight suffered catastrophic engine damage shortly after takeoff, Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, III, took prompt action. Faced with the very real prospect of losing the lives of all the passengers and crew, he maintained his calm and executed a textbook water landing. His flawless technique and quick judgment allowed him to bring the plane down in one piece and to avoid collisions with any of the countless vessels sailing the river. There is no doubt that his years of service as a decorated pilot in the U.S. Air Force helped prepare him for the difficult task that he confronted that day.

His efforts were aided by the heroic actions of his crew, who quickly completed an orderly evacuation of the frightened passengers, and of the very many people from the local organizations, such as New York Waterways, the fire department, the police department, the Coast Guard and others who all rallied to the rescue.

The bravery and the selflessness on the part of Captain Sullenberger and his crew were matched by the swift response from local police and fire departments. The first responders were able to reach the plane within 2 minutes and begin to rescue the stranded passengers. This rapid response was crucial to the survival of the passengers and the crew as the plane had landed in the middle of a busy waterway with air temperatures well below freezing.

I would point out that since World War II, there are a number of cases of aircraft that had to land in the water, commercial aircraft, major commercial airlines that had landed in the

water, and in every case except this one, at least half the passengers died. In this case, not one single passenger, not one single crew member died. There was not even a really serious injury because of the flawless performance of the pilot in bringing the plane down in one piece, even so it didn't tip over, making sure it missed the George Washington Bridge and still landed right next to the ferry terminals where there were ferry boats waiting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. COSTELLO. I yield the gentleman 30 additional seconds.

Mr. NADLER of New York. There could have been no better expertise and display of heroism and skill than that shown by the pilot and his crew and by passengers, too.

And finally the staff of the many hospitals that cared for the injured passengers deserve our praise as well. We thank the staff at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York Downtown Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, Jersey City Medical Center and Meadowlands Hospital.

So, Madam Speaker, I'm proud that we have convened here today to honor all those involved in the safe return of 155 people. Acting with no small measure of heroism, these ordinary citizens lived up to the highest ideals of their professions and deserve the most sincere admiration and respect of this Congress.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. McMAHON).

(Mr. McMAHON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McMAHON. To the chairman and to my colleagues from New York led by JOE CROWLEY, Congressman NADLER, Congresswoman MALONEY and Congressman HALL and our colleague across the water, Congressman SIREN, as well as Congressman McNERNEY, who hosts this great pilot in his district, I'm honored to cosponsor House Resolution 84 honoring the heroic actions of the pilot, crew and rescuers of US Airways Flight 1549.

When Flight 1549 landed in the cold, icy waters of the Hudson River on the afternoon of Thursday, January 15, 2009, many of us in New York feared the worst. What started out as a routine flight from LaGuardia to Charlotte, North Carolina, quickly turned into a nightmare. Passengers heard a loud bang just after takeoff and were told to brace for impact as the plane ditched into the Hudson.

What forced the plane to make an emergency water landing remains under investigation. But what is clear is that the 155 people aboard Flight 1549 owe their lives to the quick maneuvering and skill of the pilot, Chesley B. Sullenberger, III, commonly known as "Sully," and the flight crew that allowed every person on board to survive the impact.

When both engines failed, Mr. Sullenberger's critical decision to land

in the river and avoid densely populated areas on land not only allowed the people on board the plane to survive, but also saved countless lives of people on the ground. In addition, the crew of Flight 1549 showed the utmost professionalism and training by quickly getting the passengers off the plane and into waiting rescue watercraft.

In addition to the heroes on the plane, the passengers and crew owe their lives to the quick actions of ferry boat operators and the first responders in New York and New Jersey who evacuated everyone from the downed plane and rescued those people who had fallen into the frigid water. Today we honor and commend the crews of the New York Waterways ferry boats, other commuter lines and the numerous boats from the New York City Fire Department, the New York City Police Department, the Coast Guard, practically every city, State and Federal agency that patrols the waters around New York for springing into action so fast, and of course all the heroic men and women who work so hard every day in our hospitals.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. COSTELLO. I would ask how much time we have left on our side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Illinois has 2½ minutes remaining.

Mr. COSTELLO. I yield 30 seconds to my friend.

Mr. McMAHON. It is nothing short of a miracle that everyone on US Airways Flight 1549 survived. The families of the passengers and crew and all of us owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the extraordinary work and heroism of people that helped save lives, from the skill of the flight crew and air traffic controllers who performed a near perfect landing, to the crew, who evacuated the cabin and cared for the passengers, even giving their own clothes off their own backs to keep passengers from developing hypothermia, to the first responders and good Samaritans on the commuter ferries who helped bring people to safety, and to the pilot who did not even leave the plane until he walked the aisles of the cabin twice to be sure everyone had been evacuated. The rescue demonstrated to the world once again the bravery and goodness of our people, the best of New York and the best of America.

I urge my colleagues to enthusiastically support this resolution and offer my personal thanks for the hard work, courage and kindness that saved so many lives and brought a happy ending to a story that could have turned out so much differently.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I yield the remaining 2 minutes on our side to the Congresswoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY).

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Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong and enthusiastic support for this resolution which was led by my

Queens colleague, Congressman CROWLEY.

On January 15, we all stood in awe as we watched as events transpired on the Hudson River. Today, we honor the crew of US Air Flight 1549. Their presence of mind and the extraordinary circumstances on that day led to a miraculous outcome. The more we learn about the details of the flight, the more we can admire what New Yorkers are now calling the miracle on the Hudson River.

We must praise the captains and crew of each of the New York Waterway ferryboats which were on the scene next to the plane within minutes of it hitting the water. It reminded us of the rapid response of 9/11, selflessly giving of your time, your effort, and your possessions to help those in need.

Captain Sullenberger, First Officer Skiles, and flight attendants Dail, Dent, and Welsh all reacted with their brains and heart, using their training and vast experience. They average over 54 years of flight experience, and they swiftly and safely prepared the passengers for impact and evacuated them safely into waiting vessels, saving 150 lives.

The outcome here could not be better, and that is a testimony to the crew and the rescuers. We learned again this month, as we learned on 9/11, that ordinary people doing their jobs are the true American heroes and heroines.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I strongly support H. Res. 84, which praises the pilots and flight crew of US Airways Flight 1549, and the first responders who assisted on the scene. Captain Chesley B. Sullenberger III and First Officer Jeffrey B. Skiles reacted quickly to engine failure following takeoff, and masterfully glided the plane to an emergency water landing. Flight attendants Sheila Dail, Doreen Welsh, and Donna Dent quickly prepared passengers for landing and assisted in a speedy evacuation.

Captain Sullenberger expertly utilized his training and experience to land the plane in the Hudson River, so as to avoid an emergency landing in a densely populated area. This resolution commends the bravery of Captain Sullenberger, who walked up and down the aisles of the aircraft twice to ensure that all passengers left the aircraft safely. He was the last to exit the plane.

After landing on water, the flight attendants and passengers removed the emergency doors, and exited onto the wings of the plane. Minutes after, ferry boats, the U.S. Coast Guard, and police boats rushed to rescue everyone.

All 155 people on Flight 1549 survived unharmed due to the swift action of the pilots, flight attendants, and rescuers. The passengers, families of those onboard, and all Americans—and those around the world who witnessed this remarkable event unfold, are extremely grateful.

This event underscores the importance of vigilance in aviation safety, including flight crew training. In this case, the pilots and flight crew did what they were trained to do to keep everyone safe.

I thank the gentleman from New York, Mr. CROWLEY, for bringing H. Res. 84 to the floor, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 84, honoring the heroic actions of the pilot, crew, and rescuers of US Airways Flight 1549.

Madam Speaker, a jetliner, floating in the Hudson River in New York City, on a cold, January afternoon, was an incredible image. More incredible was that no lives were lost when Flight 1549 was forced to land on the river after running into a flock of birds. Through the steady skill and quick thinking of Captain Chesley B. Sullenberger III, First Officer Jeffrey B. Skiles, and the entire flight crew of Flight 1549, serious injuries and fatalities were averted. Their professionalism and unflappability enabled them to overcome the direst of circumstances on January 15, 2009. Pilots Sullenberger and Skiles adeptly landed their crippled aircraft on a busy and churning river. Flight crew members Sheila Dail, Doreen Welsh, and Donna Dent calmly and efficiently made it possible for all of the 150 passengers to exit the plane without major incident.

Unfortunately, Madam Speaker, New Yorkers are no strangers to tragedy. I commend the flotilla of commercial and civil watercraft that so swiftly reacted to assist the passengers and crew. Once again, New Yorkers went, without hesitation, to the scene of an emergency without thought for their own safety. In addition, the first responders of the New York Police Department, Fire Department of New York, and of course, the U.S. Coast Guard, skillfully and quickly were able to come to the aid of Flight 1549. Their actions made it possible for the crew and passengers to escape any harm after leaving the plane.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we all extend our deepest gratitude to the crew of Flight 1549, the first responders and those individuals who rushed to the scene. I strongly support H. Res. 84 and I urge all of my colleagues to also support this resolution.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I speak in strong support of H. Res. 84, and thank my colleague Congressman JOSEPH CROWLEY, for authoring this important resolution.

Madam Speaker, the first week of January Americans witnessed no shortage in heroic activity, from the dramatic rescue of an elderly woman by Houston Metro officer Eliot Swainson, to what we recognize here today. The heroic efforts by everyone involved in the emergency landing of flight 1549. This was one of many events this year alone where the world once again recognized the U.S. as a country of doers.

Flight 1549 is now known as the Miracle on the Hudson. A miracle it may be, but what are not surprising or any less miraculous are the coordinated efforts by the pilot, crew and rescuers, who under immense pressure proved that even a battered and bruised American spirit has the strength to overcome indescribable odds.

Captain Chesley Sullenberger "Sully" pilot of the U.S. Airways flight, is no stranger to heroism. A former Air Force officer, he has served the United States proudly for many years. Through his calm and confident ways he successfully maneuvered an enormous aircraft onto the still and icy Hudson River, saving the lives of over 155 passengers.

Just like every hero there is a team of people working with them ensure that no task is left undone and that all measures are taken, even in the most terrible situations. His honorable crew, First Officer Jeffrey B. Skiles, Flight

Attendant Sheila Dail, Flight Attendant Doreen Welsh and Flight Attendant Donna Dent, along with Captain Sullenberger worked tirelessly upon the aircraft's landing to insure that all 155 passengers aboard the aircraft were evacuated and ready to be boarded onto one of the various boats sent to the landing site to assist in the rescue. The strength and sheer will of the entire crew aboard Flight 1549 is what caused this miraculous landing to occur.

As subcommittee chair of Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection I have been an advocate for both the TSA and the FAA for many years. I am particularly proud of the ability of these organizations to prepare those affiliated with them in the best way possible. Crew members are highly trained.

Once the passengers exited the cabin of the plane they were met instantly by the Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol, water taxis, and other various watercrafts. Passengers were transported to a fleet of ambulances and emergency personnel waiting by the shores of the river to assist in anyway possible. Once again New Yorkers demonstrate in the face of devastating circumstances they will respond in ways that almost seem impossible to the average human being. New Yorkers, just as people of my district have done in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Ike, with that helpful nature and American courage to take on any task all things are doable.

Most importantly the common variable in this impressive act of heroism is the strength of a united American spirit. This spirit, that when directed toward a problem no matter how immediate or great in scale, can be handled through a combined effort by a unified American people behind one common goal. This spirit is exactly what the United States needs right now.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the heroic actions of pilot Chesley Sullenberger, crew members Donna Dent, Doreen Welsh, Sheila Dail, Jeffrey B. Skiles, as well as all of the rescuers standing by for U.S. Airways Flight 1549 on the shores of the Hudson. These heroes on the Hudson are examples of the common humanity that flows through the veins of this Nation.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution honoring the heroic actions of the pilot, crew, and rescuers of U.S. Airways Flight 1549.

What will be remembered in New York as the "Miracle on the Hudson" owes less to divine intervention than it does to the training, experience and quick thinking of Captain Sullenberger, his crew, and the first responders who bravely rescued every passenger aboard Flight 1549.

All too often we hear about delays, breakdowns, and disappointment in air travel. We frequently overlook how hours upon hours of flight training and simulation keep air crews sharp and prepared. And rarely do we stop and praise them for making the kind of good decisions every day that are surely responsible for saving lives and keeping us feeling confident when we fly, but that otherwise go unnoticed.

On behalf of the pilots, flight attendants and first responders I represent, I thank the gentleman from New York, Mr. CROWLEY, for offering this resolution to make sure we recognize those heroic acts on and above the Hudson. This measure, Madam Speaker, like the

crew of Flight 1549 and the first responders who answered the call that day, goes a long way to preserve our faith and confidence in air travel.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 84, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. COSTELLO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 84.

The question was taken. The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1832

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ADLER of New Jersey) at 6 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Notes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 31, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 84, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

NATIONAL DATA PRIVACY DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 31, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 31.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 0, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 30]

YEAS—402

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| Abercrombie | DeFazio | Kind |
| Ackerman | DeGette | King (IA) |
| Aderholt | Delahunt | King (NY) |
| Adler (NJ) | DeLauro | Kingston |
| Akin | Dent | Kirk |
| Alexander | Diaz-Balart, L. | Kirkpatrick (AZ) |
| Altmire | Diaz-Balart, M. | Kissell |
| Andrews | Dicks | Klein (FL) |
| Arcuri | Dingell | Kline (MN) |
| Austria | Doggett | Kosmas |
| Baca | Donnelly (IN) | Kratovil |
| Bachmann | Dreier | Kucinich |
| Bachus | Driehaus | Lamborn |
| Baird | Duncan | Lance |
| Baldwin | Edwards (MD) | Langevin |
| Barrett (SC) | Ehlers | Larsen (WA) |
| Barrow | Ellison | Larson (CT) |
| Bartlett | Ellsworth | Latham |
| Barton (TX) | Engel | LaTourette |
| Bean | Eshoo | Latta |
| Becerra | Etheridge | Lee (CA) |
| Berkley | Fallin | Lee (NY) |
| Berman | Farr | Levin |
| Berry | Fattah | Lewis (CA) |
| Biggart | Filner | Lewis (GA) |
| Bilbray | Flake | Linder |
| Bilirakis | Fleming | Lipinski |
| Bishop (GA) | Forbes | LoBiondo |
| Bishop (NY) | Fortenberry | Loebsack |
| Blackburn | Foster | Lofgren, Zoe |
| Blunt | Fox | Lowey |
| Bocchieri | Frank (MA) | Lucas |
| Boehner | Franks (AZ) | Lujan |
| Bonner | Frelinghuysen | Lummis |
| Bono Mack | Fudge | Lungren, Daniel E. |
| Boozman | Gallely | Lynch |
| Boren | Garrett (NJ) | Mack |
| Boswell | Gerlach | Maffei |
| Boucher | Giffords | Maloney |
| Boustany | Greig (GA) | Manzullo |
| Boyd | Gohmert | Markey (CO) |
| Brady (PA) | Gonzalez | Markey (MA) |
| Brady (TX) | Goodlatte | Marshall |
| Braley (IA) | Gordon (TN) | Massa |
| Bright | Granger | Matheson |
| Brown (GA) | Grayson | Matsui |
| Brown (SC) | Green, Al | McCarthy (CA) |
| Brown, Corrine | Griffith | McCarthy (NY) |
| Brown-Waite, | Guthrie | McCauley |
| Ginny | Hall (NY) | McClintock |
| Buchanan | Hall (TX) | McCollum |
| Burgess | Halvorson | McCotter |
| Burton (IN) | Hare | McDermott |
| Butterfield | Harman | McGovern |
| Buyer | Harper | McHenry |
| Calvert | Hastings (FL) | McHugh |
| Camp | Hastings (WA) | McIntyre |
| Campbell | Heinrich | McKeon |
| Capito | Heller | McMahon |
| Capps | Hensarling | McMorris |
| Capuano | Herger | Rodgers |
| Carney | Herse | McNerney |
| Carson (IN) | Herseth Sandlin | Meek (FL) |
| Carter | Higgins | Meeks (NY) |
| Cassidy | Hill | Melancon |
| Castle | Himes | Mica |
| Castor (FL) | Hinche | Michaud |
| Chaffetz | Hinojosa | Miller (MI) |
| Chandler | Hirono | Miller (NC) |
| Childers | Hodes | Miller, Gary |
| Clarke | Hoekstra | Miller, George |
| Cleaver | Holden | Minnick |
| Clyburn | Holt | Mitchell |
| Coble | Honda | Mollohan |
| Coffman (CO) | Hoyer | Moore (KS) |
| Cohen | Hunter | Moore (WI) |
| Cole | Inglis | Moran (KS) |
| Conaway | Inslee | Moran (VA) |
| Connolly (VA) | Israel | Murphy, Patrick |
| Conyers | Issa | Murphy, Tim |
| Cooper | Jackson (IL) | Murtha |
| Cooper | Jackson-Lee | Myrick |
| Costa | (TX) | Nadler (NY) |
| Costello | Jenkins | Napolitano |
| Courtney | Johnson (GA) | Neugebauer |
| Crenshaw | Johnson (IL) | Nunes |
| Crowley | Johnson, E. B. | Nye |
| Cuellar | Johnson, Sam | Oberstar |
| Culberson | Jones | Obey |
| Cummings | Jordan (OH) | Olson |
| Dahlkemper | Kagen | Olver |
| Davis (AL) | Kanjorski | Ortiz |
| Davis (CA) | Kaptur | Pallone |
| Davis (IL) | Kennedy | Pascrell |
| Davis (KY) | Kildee | Pastor (AZ) |
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| Deal (GA) | Kilroy | |