

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATORS THOMPSON, GALLOT, KOSTELKA, RISER AND WALSWORTH  
AND REPRESENTATIVES ANDERS, BROWN, CHANEY, FANNIN,  
HOFFMANN, HUNTER, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JAY MORRIS,  
PYLANT AND SHADOIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Philip Mark Thomas for being named one of the top ten 2014 pilots for Pilots for Patients and for being named the 2013 Pilot of the Year for Pilots for Patients.

WHEREAS, Pilots for Patients, based in Monroe, Louisiana, organizes pilots who are willing to volunteer their time and money to fly patients to receive medical care; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2007, Pilots for Patients has flown almost twenty-three hundred flights, free of charge to patients, and currently has a listing of one hundred five volunteer pilots; and

WHEREAS, Philip Mark Thomas is the president and founder of Precision Paper & Board based in Monroe, Louisiana, established in 1985, and is the founder, director, and president of Pilots for Patients; and

WHEREAS, he has been a loving and devoted husband to Sharon Palmer Thomas for almost thirty-nine years, the committed father of one son, Court, and the cherished grandfather of Kyle and Calypso; and

WHEREAS, Philip Thomas is a member of AOPA, Air Care Alliance, and Alliance for Aviation Across America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas is certainly not new to volunteering his time and money to helping others, as demonstrated by his following actions and awards: in 1997, Mr. Thomas and Richard 'Doc' Worthington started Angel Flight in Louisiana, and from 1998 through 2005 Mr. Thomas served on the executive board of Angel Flight South Central; from 2008 through 2010, he was on the board of directors of the Houston Ground and Air Angels; in 2009, he received the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Louisiana Angel Award, and the Equitable Profiles in Caring Ambassadors of Caring Award for his

outstanding contributions in helping those in need; in 2012, he was the second recipient of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development - Aviation - Friends of Aviation Award; and in 2014, he was asked to write an article for the Alliance for Aviation Across America and was voted the Delta Style Magazine's Healthcare Hero Volunteer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Philip Thomas has been a Pilots for Patients volunteer pilot since its inaugural flight on January 14, 2008, and has flown and completed two hundred fifty-two missions for Pilots for Patients; and

WHEREAS, in describing his love for flying for Pilots for Patients, he says "it's like Lay's potato chips, you can't fly just one"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon men like Philip Mark Thomas who lead by example and use their time and own resources to help others in need.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Philip Mark Thomas on his numerous outstanding accomplishments and for being named one of the top ten 2014 pilot for Pilots for Patients and for being named the 2013 Pilot of the Year for Pilots for Patients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Philip Mark Thomas.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES