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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY SENATORS THOMPSON AND GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mason William Andrews on being certified as the youngest pilot to fly solo around the world by Guinness World Records.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Mason William Andrews on being certified as the youngest
3 pilot to fly solo around the world by Guinness World Records.

4 WHEREAS, in addition to his world record for total circumnavigation, he was named
5 the youngest pilot to cross the Atlantic and Pacific oceans solo; and

6 WHEREAS, Mason's flight took one hundred eighty flight hours over seventy-six
7 days, taking off from Monroe, Louisiana, on July 22, 2018, and landing on Saturday,
8 October 6, 2018, when he was eighteen years and one hundred sixty-three days old; and

9 WHEREAS, Mason earned his private pilot certificate in 2017 and built up about
10 three hundred hours in his family's plane before attempting the worldwide journey; and

11 WHEREAS, he flew a single-engine Piper PA-32 Lance, called "The Spirit of
12 Louisiane", named in honor of Louisiana's rich French heritage and a nod to Charles
13 Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis"; and

14 WHEREAS, his stops around the globe included Canada, Santa Maria Azores,
15 France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Pakistan, India, Thailand, the Philippines, Okinawa, Russia,
16 and Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS, his life changing experience was inspired by Charles Lindbergh's epic
18 journey and, like Lindbergh, he landed in Paris after his Atlantic crossing; and

1 WHEREAS, his favorite parts of the trip were seeing the Eiffel Tower as he made
2 his final approach in Paris and the pyramids of Egypt; and

3 WHEREAS, there were several tense moments during his journey including flying
4 through a sandstorm in Saudi Arabia and a nighttime emergency when severe thunderstorms
5 blocked his route from the South China Sea; and

6 WHEREAS, weather stranded Mason in the Philippines due to typhoons for three
7 weeks and nearly doubled his originally projected forty day journey; and

8 WHEREAS, Mason is a professional aviation major at Louisiana Tech University
9 and was able to conduct his studies online during his trip; and

10 WHEREAS, Mason used the round-the-world flight to help raise funds for free
11 summer camps for children with developmental and physical disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, he raised over thirty-five thousand dollars for MedCamps of Louisiana,
13 where he has worked for the past three years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mason is an exemplary citizen and his incredible record breaking
15 journey is a noble and adventurous feat to be celebrated by all the citizens of Louisiana.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 does hereby commend and congratulate Mason William Andrews on being certified as the
18 youngest pilot to fly solo around the world according to Guinness World Records.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that his notable accomplishment is hereby recorded
20 for posterity and that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana also extends enduring
21 appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor he brings to his family and friends, his
22 community, and the state of Louisiana.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
24 Mason William Andrews.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.
