

Senate Resolution 683

By: Senator Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Captain Calvin "Cal" Flanigan of Conyers, Georgia, on his retirement from
- 2 Delta Air Lines after 45 years of service without missing a day; and for other purposes.
  
- 3 WHEREAS, Captain Cal Flanigan's last flight as a Delta Air Lines pilot was from Los
- 4 Angeles to Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport on Friday, March 8, 2013, as he
- 5 received the honorary water-cannon salute after he landed a Delta 777 widebody; and
  
- 6 WHEREAS, Captain Flanigan started as a mechanic at Delta Air Lines in 1968; after a few
- 7 years in the Army, he was able to pay for pilot training, and in 1976, he realized his
- 8 childhood dream when he became a first officer; and
  
- 9 WHEREAS, his career has been rich with experience, and he says that he "just loves the
- 10 adventure of flying all over the world"; and
  
- 11 WHEREAS, since the 1970s, he has logged over 26,000 hours and flown more than 12
- 12 million miles, making him Delta's longest-serving pilot; and
  
- 13 WHEREAS, he has been an international pilot for the last 15 years, which has taken him to
- 14 96 different destinations on six continents; and
  
- 15 WHEREAS, this pilot has never taken a sick day in 45 years of service at Delta Air Lines;.
- 16 and
  
- 17 WHEREAS, he has been the number one pilot in seniority for almost eight years, which will
- 18 be a long-standing record; and
  
- 19 WHEREAS, Captain Flanigan retired because he turned 65, which is the mandatory
- 20 retirement age for commercial airline pilots; and

21 WHEREAS, Captain Flanigan is a devoted family man who is married to his childhood  
22 sweetheart, Veronica, and he is the father of three daughters, Lisa, Monica, and Arin; and

23 WHEREAS, Captain Flanigan still finds time to fulfill his spiritual commitment by serving  
24 as deacon at Peek's Chapel Baptist Church of Conyers, Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, as this magnificent employee and ambassador of Delta Air Lines demonstrated  
26 a remarkable reputation for excellence by performing with precision and determination over  
27 45 years of employment, it is abundantly proper to call him a role model of perserverance.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 congratulate Captain Calvin "Cal" Flanigan and extend their sincere best wishes for a happy  
30 and active retirement.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Captain Calvin "Cal" Flanigan.