

Senate Resolution 182

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and Esteves of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Captain Anthony Holder; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Captain Anthony "Tony" Holder is a 2023 Black Month honoree taking his
3 place among the elite of the global aviation industry, honored with the most prestigious
4 award a pilot can receive—the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from the Federal
5 Aviation Administration (FAA); and

6 WHEREAS, the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award recognizes individuals who have
7 exhibited exemplary aviation expertise, distinguished professionalism, and steadfast
8 commitment for at least 50 years of piloting experience or 50 or more years combined
9 experience in both piloting and aircraft operations; and

10 WHEREAS, Captain Holder has logged over 22,000 hours of total accumulated flight time
11 with over 3,000 landings during his illustrious 50-plus years as a military, corporate, and
12 civilian pilot; and

13 WHEREAS, Captain Holder earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering at Howard
14 University, and after working towards an MBA at the University of Pittsburgh, he later

15 earned a Master of Science in systems management/engineering at the University of Southern
16 California; and

17 WHEREAS, Captain Holder served in the United States Air Force as a B-52 jet bomber pilot,
18 achieving the military rank of captain; and

19 WHEREAS, Captain Holder had a distinguished 35-year career as a pilot employed by
20 Federal Express Corporation and captained the Boeing 727, DC-10, and MD-11 jumbo jets,
21 spending his last five years as captain on the Boeing 777 jumbo jet; and

22 WHEREAS, Captain Holder is an exemplary civic servant as a member Omega Psi Phi
23 Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (The Boule); as director of the Atlanta Tuskegee
24 Airmen Aviation and STEM training program; and as a member of the Organization of Black
25 Aerospace Professionals.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Captain Anthony Holder for his outstanding career and extend to
28 him best wishes for future health and success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Captain Anthony
31 Holder.