

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVES JAY MORRIS AND CREWS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mason Andrews on setting a new Guinness World Record for the youngest pilot ever to fly solo around the world.

WHEREAS, on the salutary and memorable occasion of the world-record breaking solo flight around the world, it is appropriate that Mason Andrews be commended and celebrated, not only for his extraordinary trip, but for using it as an opportunity to raise funds and awareness for MedCamps of Louisiana, where he serves as a counselor; and

WHEREAS, with the support of his loving parents, Jeb and Nancy, Mason planned the worldwide trip, set up an online fundraising page for trip expenses, and pledged anything raised beyond his expenses to MedCamps of Louisiana; Mason raised an impressive \$30,000 for the organization that offers summer camps, in the town of Choudrant, for children with developmental and physical disabilities completely free of charge; its mission is to "improve the health and wellness of people living with chronic illnesses and disabilities through unique recreational and educational camping experiences"; and

WHEREAS, the first time Mason ever flew an aircraft was on a trip to Europe in 2013; the following summer, Mason obtained his paraglider's license; soon thereafter, he took flying lessons and entered the professional aviation program at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston; and

WHEREAS, at the age of eighteen, Mason departed in his Piper PA-32 Lance, named "The Spirit of Louisiane", a nod to Charles Lindbergh's "The Spirit of St. Louis"; Mason left from the Monroe Regional Airport on July 22, 2018, and his trip took seventy-six days; and

WHEREAS, circumnavigating the entire planet, he stopped in several countries, including Canada, Portugal, France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Pakistan, India, Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, and Russia; and

WHEREAS, upon his return, the Louisiana Tech Foundation awarded him a scholarship; Mason is currently writing a book about his travels and plans to pursue a career in flying; and

WHEREAS, Mason's accomplishments have brought great pride and joy to his family and friends, the Louisiana Tech community, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mason Andrews on setting a new Guinness World Record for the youngest pilot ever to fly around the world solo; does hereby express sincere gratitude to Mason for his kindness and integrity which are so evident in his heartfelt efforts on behalf of his fellow citizens; and does hereby wish him full measures of happiness and success in all of his future flying endeavors.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES