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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

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

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Sharon Palmer Thomas for her numerous accomplishments and many years of dedicated service at Pilots for Patients.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Sharon Palmer Thomas on her numerous accomplishments and many years of dedicated service at Pilots for Patients.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and Legislature of Louisiana recognize Sharon Palmer Thomas for her numerous accomplishments and many years of dedication to helping those in need through her service at Pilots for Patients; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Sharon along with her husband Philip Mark Thomas are the founding members of Pilots for Patients, and she is the director of Pilots for Patients; and

WHEREAS, Sharon is very active and an integral part of Pilots for Patients, including being chief editor of the quarterly Pilots for Patients newsletter; and

WHEREAS, she also keeps on top of the pulse of the day-to-day operations along

with two coordinators, but if there is an issue the coordinators do not hesitate to contact Sharon for her knowledgeable advice; and

WHEREAS, due to her knowledge and expertise in handling any situation she has been named the COE (Chief of Everything) at Pilots for Patients; and

WHEREAS, Sharon is an exemplary and highly-admired citizen of Louisiana who works tirelessly on a multitude of business, civic, religious, and political causes; and

WHEREAS, Sharon and her husband Philip are also the co-founders and co-owners of Precision Paper & Board, Inc., where she serves as the secretary and treasurer since it opened in April of 1985; and

WHEREAS, she has been the director of the Thomas Family Foundation since 2006, and on the board of directors of Williston Projects, Inc., where she has served as vice president, secretary, and assistant treasurer since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Sharon and Philip have been married for almost thirty-nine years, and he credits her as being the force behind all that they have accomplished; and

WHEREAS, Sharon and Philip are the devoted parents to one son, Court, and the dedicated and committed grandparents of Kyle and Calypso; 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 strong and dedicated women like Sharon Palmer Thomas who devote their time, talents, energy, and resources to helping others in need.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Sharon Palmer Thomas on her numerous accomplishments and many years of dedicated service at Pilots for Patients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sharon Palmer Thomas.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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Commends and congratulates Sharon P. Thomas on her numerous accomplishments and many years of dedicated service at Pilots for Patients.