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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the crew of the
4 Polish LOT Airlines flight that successfully landed a Boeing
5 767 without the use of landing gear and without any casualties
6 aboard the flight; and

7 WHEREAS, During a flight from Newark, New Jersey to Warsaw,
8 Poland, a Polish LOT Airlines flight, carrying 231 passengers,
9 encountered a problem with the plane's hydraulic system that
10 kept the landing gear from deploying; without being able to use
11 any of the plane's 3 wheels, the plane would have to land on
12 its belly, a dangerous situation that makes it impossible to
13 change the plane's direction after it sets down on the tarmac
14 and difficult to land safely; and

15 WHEREAS, Despite not having any operable wheels on the
16 aircraft, Tadeusz Wrona, the captain of the LOT aircraft, and
17 his crew decided to continue the flight to Warsaw's Frederic
18 Chopin airport and attempt to land, in order to decrease the
19 risk of fire by using up the plane's heavy fuel load; once they
20 arrived in Warsaw, the crew was able to land the aircraft on
21 its belly so smoothly that many on board thought it had landed
22 on its wheels; the plane suffered no major structural damage
23 and there were no casualties; and

1 WHEREAS, Such a miraculous landing would not be possible
2 without the crew's incredible training, professionalism, and
3 preparedness; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Tadeusz Wrona and the other crew members of the
7 Polish LOT Airlines flight for their wonderful courage and
8 skill under pressure and wish them success in their future
9 endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the crew of the Polish LOT Airlines flight as a
12 symbol of our esteem and respect.