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8th Anniversary Gala to Feature Capt. “Sully” Sullenberger At Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor’s Fundraiser

Honolulu, HI – “Miracle on the Hudson” pilot Capt. Chesley B. “Sully” Sullenberger, who piloted US Airways Flight 1549 to an emergency water landing in New York City’s Hudson River, will be this year’s guest speaker at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor’s 8th Anniversary Dinner Gala on Saturday, December 6, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Themed “Destinations & Dreams,” the evening is the Museum’s annual fundraiser for its Education and Restoration projects. Emcee for the evening will be actor, journalist and TV host David Hartman. Entertainment is by Cathy Foy.

Honoree of the evening is the Museum’s past Chairman of the Board Admiral Ronald J. Hays, whose dream was to make the Museum a world-class destination. As Chairman for the past 13 years, ADM Hays has championed the work to restore the historic hangars, the Ford Island Control Tower, and the Museum’s aircraft collection.

Museum Executive Director Kenneth DeHoff promises “This will be an evening of tribute as we recognize and honor Admiral Hays for his leadership, and welcome Capt. Sullenberger as our guest of honor.”

The evening will be filled with camaraderie alongside military and community leaders, a book signing by Capt. Sullenberger, fine dining, and entertainment by Cathy Foy, all in the Museum's 89,000 sq. ft. WWII Hangar 79. Participation as a sponsor or table host helps support the nonprofit's Education programs which reach 10,000 young people each year, and the Restoration projects that bring history to life.

Sullenberger became internationally renowned on January 15, 2009 for what has been dubbed the "Miracle on the Hudson," when he and his crew safely guided their US Airways plane to an emergency water landing in the Hudson River, New York City. The Airbus' two engines had lost thrust following a bird strike. Sullenberger and his crew received international acclaim for their actions, including the passage of a Congressional resolution recognizing their bravery. Sullenberger was ranked second in *Time* magazine's "Top 100 Most Influential Heroes and Icons of 2009" and awarded the French Legion of Honor. Currently, he is an aviation safety expert and accident investigator, CBS News Aviation and Safety Expert, and founder and chief executive officer of Safety Reliability Methods, Inc., a company dedicated to management, safety, performance, and reliability consulting.

For information and tickets, visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org or contact Director of Development Carol Greene, 808-441-1006, Carol@PacificAviationMuseum.org. The Museum is located at 319 Lexington Boulevard on Historic Ford Island at Pearl Harbor.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to develop and maintain an internationally recognized aviation museum on Historic Ford Island that educates young and old alike, honors aviators and their support personnel who defended freedom in The Pacific Region, and to preserve Pacific aviation history.

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