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American Airlines Congratulates Capt. Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger

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FORT WORTH, Texas — American Airlines congratulates Capt. Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger for receiving the 2018 Tony Jannus Award. Capt. Sullenberger accepted the award last night at the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society banquet in Tampa, Florida.

“The entire American Airlines family congratulates Capt. Sullenberger for receiving the 2018 Tony Jannus Award,” said American’s Chairman and CEO Doug Parker. “US Airways Flight 1549 was known as the ‘Miracle on the Hudson,’ but behind that miracle was great skill and professionalism produced by years of training and experience. The quick thinking and heroic actions of Capt. Sullenberger and his crew saved the lives of the 150 passengers onboard the aircraft that cold January day nearly 10 years ago.

“The event made an indelible impact on the lives of many, and we thank Capt. Sullenberger for the bravery he demonstrated that day and for his dedication to the airlines that came together to form today’s American.”

Parker, who was the recipient of the 2017 Tony Jannus Award, presented the award to Capt. Sullenberger. A group of American Airlines team members was also on hand to help celebrate the outstanding achievements of Capt. Sullenberger and the rest of the Flight 1549 crew — First Officer Jeff Skiles and Flight Attendants Sheila Dail, Donna Dent and Doreen Welsh.

Given annually by the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society, the Tony Jannus Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the growth and improvement of commercial aviation. The award is named for the pilot of the first scheduled commercial flight on New Year’s Day in 1914 between St. Petersburg and Tampa.

For more information on the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society and to see a full list of past award recipients, visit **tonyjannus.com**.

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