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NEW YORK, Dec. 14, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- JetBlue Airways (Nasdaq:JBLU) today commends the U.S. Congress and President Bush for raising the mandatory retirement age for U.S. commercial pilots from 60 to 65.

"JetBlue has long worked to repeal the mandatory retirement age 60 for our most experienced aviators and we commend the Congress and President for taking this bold action to raise the retirement age to 65," said Dave Barger, JetBlue's CEO.

"On behalf of JetBlue's 1,900 pilots, we applaud the new age 65 retirement age," said John Ross, JetBlue's vice president of Flight Operations. "Age 65 is internationally recognized as the appropriate retirement age, and for good reason. The experience our pilots bring to the operation is invaluable."

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