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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

ATC PRIVATIZATION STATUS...

WE CAN NOT LET THIS HAPPEN

Former US Airways pilot Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger, made famous along with First Officer Jeffrey Skiles for their successful ditching of US Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River in 2009, is taking a very public stand against air traffic control privatization (H.R. 2997)—and he’s asking all of us pilots to join him.

Sullenberger’s aviation career has spanned more than 50 years and includes general aviation, military, and airline experience. He contends that privatizing ATC “would allow a corporate monopoly to make decisions that put profits ahead of safety and would devastate rural communities.” He also concludes that such a move would be a “threat to our nation’s security, safety, access, and basic fairness.” Go to NBAA’s website to see Sully’s comments and video.

Proposals for privatizing ATC, long-championed by the big airlines, have been promoted as part of the continuing congressional debate over reauthorization of funding and programs for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Under such proposals, congressional oversight of the nation’s aviation system would be replaced by an entity governed by a

private board of directors. Basically, you’d have to ‘lawyer up’ if an issue came up. Our congressional delegation is in charge of our public airspace-lets keep it that way.

As the legislation stands now, the House of Representatives has not taken a vote. This means that Rep. Schuster (a primary supporter of privatization) will be taking up the legislation again in September, after the Congressional break.

If you have not contacted your congressman and senator, it is not too late.

Keep the efforts strong.

Call this toll-free action line – 855-265-9002 – to connect with your elected representative, and voice your ‘no’ vote on H.R. 2997. For more information please see: <https://www.nbaa.org/news/pr/2017/20170517-034.php>

To read more about the ATC airspace, see the website listed below and read Ed Bolen’s (president of the National Business Aviation Association) full written testimony about saying ‘No’ to privatized ATC.



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"As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS



AUGUST

19– National Aviation Day,

Quote: You can't imagine a world, quite frankly, without a safe and secure aviation system. And so our job is to really focus on that, and what we need to do to keep it safe and secure. Janet Napolitano. : <https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/>

Trivia: How many takeoffs and landings must a pilot complete every 90 days in order to stay current to carry passengers? 3 copyright FunTrivia.com

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FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00pm-9:00pm dsvaughncsp@gmail.com

99's MEETING

No July meeting, more information Meetings International Organization of Women Pilots! Email Kathyclark99@prodigy.net, website www.ninety-nines.org.

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)

Museum open first and third Saturday of the month 10am-3pm. Meetings 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2:00 p.m., Hangar B-5. Call for tours and flights at 936-697-3237 or the hangar at 281-579-2131 email info@houstonwing.org.

EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3rd) Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. August 17 ADS-B including experimental. Contact Rick Human 281-463-6769. Great Meetings! Join Today.

NBAA Meeting and Trade Show October 10-12 Las Vegas, NV.

DESKAKING for Dogs August 5&6 Gulf Coast GSP Club, 713-545-7315.



Fuel Price Comparison for July 2017

JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	7.25	2.25	3.88	Southwest Region	7.73	3.20	4.40
West Houston Airport	3.86	2.68*	3.27	West Houston Airport	4.85	4.35	4.60

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Floyd Fuqua first came to West Houston Airport in 2001. He loved everything about his Bellanca and it showed. There was not a week that went by that he did not fly his plane, whether to his favorite place being the Southern Diner in Brenham or just up and around with friends. The West Houston Airport community will miss him.



Orville Duane Gaither Sr. Quietly ended his journey on Earth and went on to be with his LORD and Savior on the morning of Thursday June 29th, 2017. Orville considered

himself a Houstonian and was a well-known oil man, inventor, author, aviator, and philanthropist.

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