



City of Denison

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Ambassador 'Sully' Sullenberger to Visit Denison for Dedication Events

Denison, Texas (September 12, 2023) – Join us as we celebrate, welcome, and honor a true American hero. Saturday, September 16th, Ambassador "Sully" Sullenberger will be participating in his homecoming parade and various dedicatory events in the City of Denison.

The day will be filled with heartfelt tributes, and opportunities to connect with the remarkable man who captured the nation's heart with his extraordinary actions 14 years ago. On January 15, 2009, Ambassador Sullenberger was the captain of US Airways Flight 1549 taking off from LaGuardia Airport. Shortly after takeoff, the plane struck a flock of geese and lost power in both engines. Ambassador Sullenberger successfully performed an emergency landing on the Hudson River. All 155 people on board survived.

10:00 a.m. - Homecoming Parade:

In honor of Ambassador Sullenberger's heroic actions, the day will begin with a parade in Downtown Denison. The route will begin in the 700 block of Main Street and continue to Heritage Park. The parade will feature marching bands, community groups, military personnel, and more all coming together to express their gratitude to Ambassador Sullenberger for his lifetime of service.

10:30 a.m. - Mural Dedication:

Following the parade, we will gather at Heritage Park to have a mural ribbon cutting dedicated to Ambassador Sullenberger's remarkable "Miracle on the Hudson" flight and his unwavering commitment to aviation safety. The mural will serve as a permanent tribute to his bravery and the lives he saved that fateful day.

11:30 a.m. - Uniform Dedication followed by Book Signing:

Ambassador Sullenberger will be visiting Perrin Air Force Base Museum where he will be signing copies of his inspiring memoir. With a limited amount of time, he will only be able to sign 120 books which must be purchased in advance from Perrin Air Force Base Museum. The book recounts the incredible events of Flight 1549 and sharing his life's journey. Additional signed copies of the book will be available to purchase after the event. Ambassador Sullenberger has generously donated his dress blues uniform to Perrin Air Force Base Museum. The uniform, which has become a symbol of hope and heroism, will be preserved, and displayed for future generations to witness the impact of one man's courage and dedication to his profession.

This event is open to the public, and we encourage everyone to come together as a community to honor this extraordinary individual who has inspired millions around the world.

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