

## **Ron Yelton's Retirement Resolution**

WHEREAS, having spent the last twenty-five years in the service of American Airlines, spending roughly 5300 hours on the road commuting back and forth between Fresno and San Jose / San Francisco, enduring roughly 3000 nights in hotel rooms listening to police and fire sirens, the occasional gunshot, air conditioning compressors kicking on and off all night, maids that don't know what "Do Not Disturb" signs mean at eight 'o clock in the morning and inconsiderate idiots slamming doors while letting their children run up and down the hallways screaming at all hours of the night; and

WHEREAS, in those twenty-five years, having lived out of a suitcase, eating in restaurants and consuming I don't know how many airline meals; and

WHEREAS, despite taking a nearly thirty percent pay cut in 2003, and nearly four years of negotiating for a new contract, I have not received a raise and am currently working at the same pay rate as I did in 1993; and

WHEREAS, when the pilots at American Airlines took the huge pay and benefits cut in 2003, management promised that we would all "Share the Pain, Share the Gain." What they really meant was that Management would share the gain while the employees would all share the pain. I no longer desire to work for a company that takes such pride in taking advantage of their employees while not even understanding or caring that their behavior is unethical at best; and

WHEREAS, after almost ten years after the 9/11 tragedy pilots and cabin crew are still considered to be just as dangerously criminal as the hijackers that brought down those four aircraft. Despite the fact that I can now speak English and actually be understood while passing through security, the TSA still wouldn't recognize common sense if their life depended on it, even though my life does depend on them having common sense; and

WHEREAS, the lines on the graph depicting my tolerance for bullshit versus job enjoyment have finally intersected, indicating that I've had enough, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of September 1, 2010, Captain Ron Yelton shall, in exchange for a boatload of Lump Sum cash, permanently and irrevocably withdraw his flying skills, knowledge and expertise from the employ of American Airlines in order to pursue whatever fun stuff happens to interest him.

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