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Spirit, charity fundraising event by airline employees, military planned flight paths of AA Flt. #11 & UA #175

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Boston, MA -- Employees of American Airlines and United Airlines and military service members will, as a demonstration of American resolve and in support of the September 11, 2001



victims' families, carry a United States flag across the country. This flag was Iraq in the cockpit of a U.S. F-16 in support of Operation Southern Watch 2, 2001 by airline pilots flying as part of the 93rd Fighter Squadron, 482 F. Homestead Air Reserve Station, Florida. While the event is intended to be effort of support and unity, fundraising proceeds from this event will bene charities in support of the victims of the tragedy on September 11, 2001. T leave Boston on October 11, 2001 with a goal to arrive in Los Angeles on V. Day, November 11, 2001. These cities represent the origination and destin American Flight 11 and United Flight 175.



The flag will be carried around the clock to achieve this goal. The being developed but will proceed from Boston, through: New Yo Washington, Atlanta, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque, Phoc Angeles. Military service members will be involved as the event vicinity of military installations across the nation. A web site,

http://www.flagrun.org, is currently under development and will be open volunteer information, corporate sponsorship and media contact by Octol It will allow site visitors to monitor real-time progress of the event and macontributions to the designated charities.

"This all-volunteer event is a self-initiated effort conducted by the pilots, f attendants and other employees of United and American Airlines. While t are supportive of the event, the public relations departments of <u>AMR</u> and official role—it is truly a from-the-heart effort from the volunteers in suprountry and the victims," said First Officer Todd Wissing, Media Relation Coordinator.

To be associated with the event, corporate sponsors are being sought to contain their resources and contribute to the success of this event. <u>Cruise America</u> donated the use of a Recreational Vehicle to be used as a mobile command

the event and to support the runners. Financial assistance to help defray c corporate resources to assist in the event is needed and welcome. Corpora can be in the areas of communications, T-shirts, local transportation supports runners, or any other area. Help will be sought from local officials al route to ease the process and generate local support. A database of local rube needed to cover the distance will be needed especially in those remote inight.

Anyone wishing to sponsor or participate in this event can contact AAmericans United Flag Across America through the we (http://www.flagrun.org). Media contacts are preferred through the web s (media@flagrun.org); or call Media Relations Coordinator First Officer To at 919-656-8131.

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