**A happy accident**

After a 7-hour delay (延误), American mother Mary McCormick happened to be the only passenger on her son’s flight, getting a once-in-a-lifetime kind of experience.

Mary is a retired (退休) pilot herself. When her son Ryan was a boy, he always wanted to follow in his mother’s footsteps and become a pilot. With the full support of his family, he really made it after many years’ hard work. He is now a captain for PSA Airlines and he loves every minute of flying.

Not long ago, Ryan’s mother Mary needed to fly back home to Florida. No doubt she chose to be a passenger on her favorite pilot, her son Ryan’s plane. Yet things didn’t go as planned. After she arrived at the airport on time, she was told that her flight was delayed. Seriously delayed. Mary didn’t have the heart to take another flight. She sat down and decided to wait it out. More and more passengers got fed up with the long wait and took other flights to avoid spending more time waiting at the airport, but Mary stuck it out. Seven hours later, Mary was finally invited to board the plane (登机). To her great surprise, she found out she was the only passenger left! Mary was excited about the unexpected experience, and so was her son. “I had the amazing opportunity (机会) of being my mom’s private pilot while she had the whole airliner to herself,” said Ryan.

Only the best moms would set aside her own time and comfort in order to support her child like this. Ryan knows it and feels very proud.

**Word bank**

1. follow in one’s footsteps 仿效某人

2. get fed up with (doing) sth.对(做)某事感到厌烦

3. set aside 省出，留出(钱或时间)