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The record-breaking Boeing [NYSE: BA] 737 airplane just set a new milestone likely to remain in the books for a long while. With today's announcement of an order for 10 737-800s from Xiamen Airlines, total orders for the 737 surpassed the 6,000 mark. Since entering commercial revenue service in 1968, the 737 fleet has carried more than 12 billion passengers and flown more than 75 billion miles -- the equivalent of approximately 403 round trips from the Earth to the sun.

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