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GULFSTREAM TO RECEIVE 2014 ROBERT J. COLLIER TROPHY

Washington, DC, March 12, 2015 – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) announced last evening at their Spring Awards Dinner that Gulfstream has been named as the recipient of the 2014 Robert J. Collier Trophy “For the development of the Gulfstream G650 Business Jet, which strengthened business aviation through significant technological advancements in aircraft performance, cabin comfort, and safety.” The Collier Selection Committee, comprised of 30 individuals from throughout the aviation and aerospace industry, met earlier in the day to listen to presentations from each nominee.

The Collier Trophy is awarded annually "…for the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, with respect to improving the performance, efficiency, and safety of air or space vehicles, the value of which has been thoroughly demonstrated by actual use during the preceding year." The list of Collier recipients represents a timeline of air and space achievements, marking major events in the history of flight.

“It was a very strong list of nominations which reflect the advancement of the world’s aviation industry,” said Jim Albaugh, Chairman of NAA. “It was a difficult list from which to select a recipient, and I congratulate Gulfstream on this great honor.”
Skip Ringo, Vice Chairman of NAA and the Chairman of the Selection Committee, echoed those sentiments. “It was a great challenge for the committee to have to narrow the list down to one. But the committee did their homework and asked the right questions - and we certainly selected a most worthy recipient. It was a great honor for all of us to participate.”

Other nominees for the 2014 Collier Trophy were:

- Alan Eustace and the StratEx Team
- Embraer Legacy 500
- F-16 Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance Team
- General Aviation Joint Steering Committee
- Orion Exploration Flight Test-1
- Aurora Flight Sciences Orion UAS

Jonathan Gaffney, President and CEO of NAA, managed the selection process. “By any measure – from the diversity of the nominations, the energy of the presentations, and the interaction with the Selection Committee – it was an exceptional day. Thank you to all who participated in this very historic process.”

The Selection Committee consisted of:
Jim Albaugh, Chairman, NAA
Skip Ringo, Vice Chairman, NAA
Two former recipients of the Collier Trophy:
Larry James – NASA/JPL Mars Curiosity Rover (2012)
Carl Johnson – Northrop Grumman X47-B (2013)
And:
Richard Aboulafia, The Teal Group
Ali Bahrami, AIA
David Balloff, Embraer
Andrew Broom, Honda Aircraft Company
Steve Brown, National Business Aviation Association
Steve Callaghan, NAA Awards And Events Committee
Steve Champness, Aero Club of Metropolitan Atlanta
Brian Chase, Textron
Dave Coleal, Spirit AeroSystems
Barry Eccleston, Airbus Group
Dave Franson, Wichita Aero Club
Randy Greene, Safe Flight Instrument Corporation
T.C. Jones, Northrop Grumman
Tim Keating, The Boeing Company
Leo Knaapen, Bombardier Aerospace
Joe Lombardo, General Dynamics
Dr. Sandy Magnus, AIAA
Dave Manke, United Technologies/Pratt & Whitney
Mary Miller, Signature Flight Support
Stan O'Connor, GE Aviation
Ken Panos, AeroJet Rocketdyne
Steve Plummer, Rolls-Royce North America
Bob Rubino, Lockheed Martin
Laurie Sussman, Rockwell Collins
John Tylko, Aurora Flight Sciences
Mark Van Tine, Jeppessen

The Collier Trophy will be formally presented at the annual Robert J. Collier Trophy Dinner at a date and location to be determined. For ticket information or to view a complete list of previous recipients of the Collier Trophy, please visit www.naa.aero.

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