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THE HONORABLE CAROL CARMODY TO RECEIVE NAA STINSON TROPHY

Washington, DC, January 19, 2012 – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) is pleased to announce that The Honorable Carol J. Carmody has been named the recipient of the 2011 Katherine and Marjorie Stinson Trophy. The Trophy will be presented at NAA’s Spring Awards Ceremony and Luncheon on March 13, 2012 in Arlington, Virginia.

The award will be presented to Carmody for “...over 30 years of service to the aviation industry. Her collaborative work in enhancing transportation safety, and her efforts as U.S. Ambassador to ICAO have helped to make the U.S. transportation system significantly safer.”

The Stinson Trophy recognizes a living woman for “...an outstanding and enduring contribution, a meritorious flight, or a singular technical development in the field of aviation, aeronautics, space or related sciences.” It is one of the most important awards in aviation in America.

Carmody has served in the field of aviation as a professional aviation staff member of the Senate Commerce Committee, as the U.S. Ambassador to the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and as a member of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

After 11 years of service at the FAA in jobs of increasing responsibility, including her appointment in 1985 as Deputy Director of Congressional Services in the Office of the Administrator, Carmody joined the Senate Commerce Committee. From 1988 to 1994, as a professional aviation staff member of the Committee, she worked on legislation to mandate inspections for aging aircraft, to authorize Passenger Facility Charges, and to reform the FAA -- particularly in areas of finance and procurement.

In 1994, President Clinton appointed her as the U.S. Representative to ICAO. Early in her term, she was instrumental in persuading ICAO to start a safety oversight program to assess the compliance of countries with ICAO standards. This was a first at ICAO, and the results improved safety for the traveling public around the world.

In 2000, Carol was again appointed by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate to a five year term on the NTSB. During her tenure she served two years as Vice-Chairman and twice as Acting Chairman. At NTSB, Carol was the on-scene Member at several major transportation accidents, including the aircraft accidents that killed Missouri Governor Mel

Carnahan in October 2000 and Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone in October 2002, the derailment of an Amtrak train in Kensington, Maryland in July 2002, and the March 2001 crash of an airliner in Aspen Colorado that killed all 18 persons aboard. She chaired Safety Board public hearings on the 2001 crash of American Airlines flight 587 in Queens, New York, and the 2002 derailment of a hazardous materials train in Minot, North Dakota.

In addition to NAA President and CEO Jonathan Gaffney, members of the Stinson Selection Committee were Mary Miller, Vice President, Industry and Government Affairs, BBA Aviation/Signature Flight Support and Shelly Simi, Industry & Public Affairs Strategist, Corporate Communications, Jeppesen.

The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit, membership organization devoted to fostering America's aerospace leadership and promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.

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