



RESOLUTION NO. 14-11

Recognizing Leo J. Schefer on His Retirement from the Washington Airports Task Force

WHEREAS, in 1982, Leo J. Schefer was a founding board member of the Washington Airports Task Force (WATF), a non-profit, 501(c)(3) Virginia Corporation that fosters the role of air transportation in the economic and cultural life of Virginia and the Washington, DC, region;

WHEREAS, For the past 25 years, as President of the WATF, Leo has been a consistent source of wise, candid and practical guidance and advice to the Board of Directors and Airports Authority management; and

WHEREAS, During this period, and while working alongside business, civic and aviation leaders of the Washington, DC, region, Leo has played a critical role in achieving a series of accomplishments that produced, and continue to provide, significant noteworthy benefits to the citizens and businesses of the metropolitan region and the users of Dulles International and Reagan National, including:

- a. The launch of Dulles International as an international gateway and staunch support for the Airports Authority's air service development efforts, which have placed Dulles International among the nation's top 10 international airports;
- b. The strategic decision to re-open Reagan National following its extended closure after September 11, 2001;
- c. The creation of a coalition of 36 U.S. and Canadian cities which assisted in adoption of an Open Skies agreement between the two countries that has resulted in substantial economic growth for both;
- d. The development of support from the domestic airport community for America's Open Skies initiative which has led to the adoption of a wide range of Open Skies bilateral agreements, including the groundbreaking agreement with the European Union, that are responsible for much of the growth in international traffic that has occurred at Dulles International over the past 20 years;

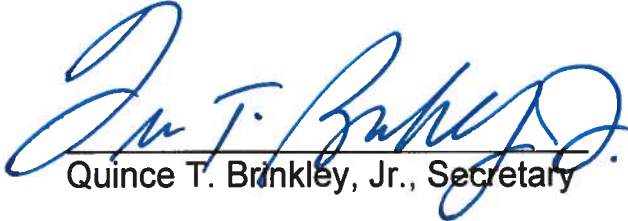
- e. The state and regional effort that, in the late 1990s, created the plan for what is now known as the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, as well as the subsequent on-going effort to make that project a reality and to bring Metrorail to the Dulles Corridor and Dulles International;
- f. Working with the Dulles User Forum, the achievement of significant Air Traffic Control improvements at Dulles International that have increased safety, airspace capacity and reliability, while reducing block time, fuel burn and operating costs;
- g. The provision of continued leadership in the decades-long effort to bring the facility now known as the National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center to the Dulles International campus, including assisting in the critical acquisition of the Enterprise by the Air and Space Heritage Council in 1985;
- h. The adoption by Loudoun and Fairfax Counties of possibly the most effective airport compatible land use policies applied in the nation; and
- i. The expansion of ground access projects to Dulles International, including the Dulles Loop, for new Potomac River bridges, for the North-South Corridor, for improved links to Washington, DC, and for many improvements to the region's surface transportation network;

WHEREAS, Throughout his years of service, Leo has understood the vital role that air transportation plays in the economic growth of a community, and has applied that understanding for the benefit of the Washington, DC, region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors, on behalf of the entire Airports Authority community, extends its sincere appreciation to Leo J. Schefer for his 25 years of service as President of the Washington Airports Task Force, for the character, commitment, and effectiveness that he brought to that service, and for the very significant permanent benefits his service has produced for the traveling public in the Washington metropolitan region and for the Airports Authority; and

2. That the Board of Directors wishes Leo Schefer many years that are filled with good health, personal fulfillment and genuine happiness.

Adopted April 16, 2014



Quince T. Brinkley, Jr., Secretary