



RESOLUTION NO. 13-38

**Recognizing Elmer Tippett on His Retirement from the
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority**

WHEREAS, Elmer Tippett – better known throughout the Airports Authority as “Tip” – joined the Airports Authority in July 1993 as the Manager of the Public Safety Division, a position subsequently designated as the Vice President for Public Safety;

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Airports Authority, Tip served as the superintendent of the Maryland State Police, and held several positions with the Prince George’s Police Department, where he began his law enforcement career, advancing to the position of Deputy Chief of Police before retiring after 21 years of service in 1987;

WHEREAS, During his two decades of service for the Airports Authority, Tip has been responsible for advancing the Airports Authority’s Public Safety Program to best professional standards and state of the art preparedness;

WHEREAS, These advancements have included the establishment of the Police Department canine program, the Fire Department’s river rescue operation, the consolidated public safety dispatch program and 911 emergency call center, the ambulance service cost recovery program, the Airports’ external defibrillator program to aid employees and passengers, and the Police Department’s assumption of traffic enforcement responsibilities for the Dulles Toll Road;

WHEREAS, These advancements have also included construction of three new airport rescue and firefighting facilities at the two Airports, the Emergency Operations Center at Reagan National Airport, and a new river rescue facility along the Potomac River at Reagan National;

WHEREAS, These advancements have also included the Airports Authority’s participation in the National Capital Region’s Mutual Aid Partnership for Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Services ensuring the availability of the public safety resources of other regional governments to meet the Airports’ emergency needs, and the Airports Authority’s formal execution of the Northern Virginia Regional Response Agreement further supporting delivery of emergency

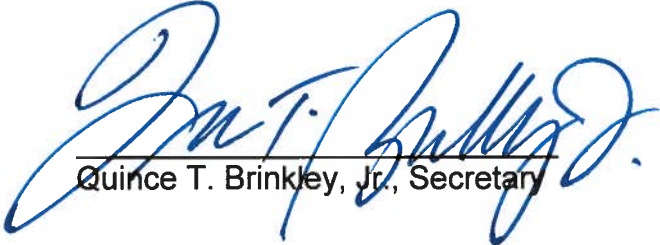
response assistance to the Airports by other Northern Virginia public safety agencies if and when required;

WHEREAS, Tip has ably represented the Airports Authority for many years on the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy and on the Board of Directors of Capital Wireless Information Net, a partnership between Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland to improve first responder communications and information sharing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors, on behalf of the entire Airports Authority community, extends its sincere appreciation to Elmer Tippet for his 20 years of public service to the Airports Authority and the traveling public in the metropolitan Washington region, for the dedication, loyalty and good humor he brought to his job each day throughout these 20 years, and for sharing with the Board and the Authority community a personal character and set of talents and abilities that have served the Airports Authority exceptionally well for two decades; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors wishes Elmer Tippet upon his retirement January 3, 2014, many years that are filled with good health, joy, relaxation and personal fulfillment.

Adopted December 11, 2013



Quince T. Brinkley, Jr., Secretary