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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AVIATION OFFICIALS CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND - The National Association of State Aviation Officials kicked off its 75th anniversary celebration during its Washington Legislative Conference this week in Washington DC. The year long celebration will include a series of events. Among the activities planned are a Distinguished Speaker Series, in which notable aviation industry experts will share their knowledge and experience with members at conferences and luncheons. During this week's event, Senator Trent Lott (R-Miss.) presented his views on a wide range of aviation issues.

The association also sponsored a Silver Eagle Reception on Capitol Hill to honor members who have served the association for five or more years. As the year unfolds the association website, www.nasao.org will offer a historical photo gallery of its members and accomplishments over the past 75 years and the year long celebration will culminate with a Gala during the Annual Convention which will be held in New Orleans, September 8-13, 2006

Leading the celebration will be NASAO's elected 2006 Executive Committee including Richard Turner, Aviation Program Manager of Vermont who serves as the Chairman; Vice Chairman Travis Vallin, Director of the Colorado Division of Aeronautics; Treasurer Michelle McEnany, Director of the Iowa Office of Aviation, and Secretary Victor Bird, Director of the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission.

The National Association of State Aviation Officials is one of the most senior aviation organizations in the United States, predating even the Federal Aviation Administration's predecessor, the Civil Aeronautics Authority. Since its founding in 1931 the association has represented the men and women, in state government aviation agencies, who serve the public interest in all 50 states, Guam and Puerto Rico. These highly skilled professionals are full partners with the federal government in the development and maintenance of the safest and most efficient aviation system in the world. They organize, promote, and fund a wide variety of aviation programs across the nation

For more information about NASAO and the 75th Anniversary, visit the Association's web site, www.nasao.org or call (301) 588-0587.

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