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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and USO Georgia to Celebrate USO Diamond Jubilee

Veterans, dignitaries, active-duty service personnel to mark 75th anniversary of organization

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials will join local USO leaders to kick off the USO's 75th anniversary Thursday, Feb. 4. Former Atlanta Mayor and U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young will participate along with active-duty military personnel, veterans and business leaders as the organization begins its 75th year of service. The USO will celebrate its mission of connecting service members to family, home and country in a year-long series of events at ATL and across the nation. Ambassador Young and his family have long supported the USO, starting decades ago in his native Louisiana and continuing to this day in Atlanta. At the event, the USO will honor local and business leaders who have supported the organization during its nearly century-long outreach efforts.

WHO:

Andrew Young, former U.N. ambassador, Atlanta mayor

Paul Meyer, ATL assistant general manager, USAF colonel (retired)

Various active-duty general officers

Military and civic leaders

USO program partners

Award recipients

WHAT:

Kickoff of USO's 75th anniversary celebration

WHEN:

10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 (Media must arrive at 9:45 a.m.)

WHERE:

USO ATL

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Domestic Terminal – mezzanine level, 3rd floor, 6000 North Terminal Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30320

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 101 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society, 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine. ATL has completed more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, including a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED-certified international terminal and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com. Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield, follow us on Twitter (@Atlanta_Airport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).

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