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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to Make Aviation History on Sunday, December 27

ATL to become first airport ever to serve 100 million passengers in a single year

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials, working closely with accounting firm KPMG, have determined the Airport will host its 100-millionth passenger Sunday, December 27. This is the first time ever a single airport has served 100 million passengers in one calendar year. Based on statistical modeling and on scheduled arrival and departure times, the Airport has identified the flight which will mark the 100 million passenger milestone. The specific time of the flight is not going to be released, but the event will take place early to mid-morning. The arriving flight will taxi to the concourse under a water cannon salute from ATL fire/rescue vehicles and will be greeted by Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and a host of other officials.

This unique event will take place at the gate and behind the security checkpoint. ATL will provide a live, two-camera feed of the aircraft's arrival and the passengers' entry into the concourse. The feed will be made available via satellite and a live web stream. Journalists wishing to cover the event in person must RSVP to media@atlanta-airport.com by Wednesday, December 23 at noon (please include "ATL 100 million arrival" in the email's subject line) and must include their full name and date of birth for security vetting purposes.

WHO:

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed

Aviation General Manager Miguel Southwell

WHAT:

Arrival of 100-millionth passenger at ATL.

WHEN:

Sunday, December 27 from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (arrive no later than 7 a.m.)

WHERE:

Maynard H. Jackson International Terminal

2600 Maynard H. Jackson Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30354

NOTE TO MEDIA:

Media interested in attending must email media@atlanta-airport.com by noon, Wednesday, December 23. ATL will provide a live satellite feed and web streaming of the event and will provide satellite coordinates.

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 96.1 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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