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Media Advisory

Hartsfield-Jackson Celebrates Independence Day, Readies for Busy Travel Weekend *Event marks USO's 40th anniversary at Hartsfield-Jackson*

ATLANTA- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials will celebrate the Fourth of July and the 40th anniversary of the United Service Organization (USO) at ATL on Wednesday, June 28. Airport leaders will also address plans for the record-breaking crowds expected to visit the world's busiest and most efficient airport over the holiday weekend.

The USO began service at ATL on July 1, 1977. It was the first-ever facility built as a component of a U.S. airport. Since then, the organization has provided support for more than 8 million active members of the military and their families as they traveled through Hartsfield-Jackson. Maj. Gen. Joe Jarrard, adjutant general of the Georgia National Guard, will offer remarks on the significance of the partnership between ATL and the USO.

ATL officials will also be on hand to discuss projected holiday travel volume and efforts to maintain safety and efficiency during the busy holiday period. Travelers are urged to arrive at least two hours before their scheduled domestic flight departures.

WHO: Richard Duncan, Assistant General Manager of Public Safety and Security, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Maj. Gen. Joe Jarrard, Adjutant General, Georgia National Guard
Mary Lou Austin, Chief Executive Officer, USO Georgia

WHAT: ATL Celebrates Independence Day

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 28
Media is asked to arrive at 9:15 a.m.

WHERE: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Domestic Terminal Atrium
6000 N. 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 104 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and 70 international destinations in more than 50 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, sustainability, architectural engineering, and construction. ATL is now in the midst of a \$6 billion capital improvement program, ATLNext, that will modernize the Domestic Terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 440-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, visit www.atl.com.

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