

**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
DESIGNATION AS COMMISSIONER EMERITUS**

WHEREAS, The South Carolina Aeronautics Commission desires to honor JIM HAMILTON for his life service to aviation in South Carolina, and more specifically, his extraordinary service to the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, and

WHEREAS, he served on the Aeronautics Commission as a stand alone agency from June 1985 through June 1993, representing the Second Congressional District by special appointment from Governor Richard Riley, and by special re-appointment by Governor Carroll Campbell, and

WHEREAS, he was elected Chairman of the Aeronautics Commission and served in that capacity from July 1989 through June 1993, and

WHEREAS, he was appointed by Governor Carroll Campbell to the South Carolina Department of Commerce Advisory Committee to represent Aeronautics subsequent to state government restructuring, and

WHEREAS, he worked vigorously and closely with legislators for many years and was instrumental in bringing about the reconstitution of the Aeronautics Commission as a separate operating agency, after serving as Chairman of a twelve member Advisory Committee to find the proper place for Aeronautics, where he pursued the course by his tireless efforts, including handwriting 170 individually personalized notes to the entire General Assembly providing documentation for the proposed Aeronautics move, culminating in a positive vote of 42 of 46 Senators, and all 124 House members, and

WHEREAS, he was elected to serve again on the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission to represent the Second Congressional District from February 2005 through August 2007 and served as Vice-Chairman during this period, and

WHEREAS, he served two terms as President of the South Carolina Aviation Trades Association, the predecessor of South Carolina Aviation Association, and

WHEREAS, he donated aircraft for use by SLED, Aeronautics, the FBI, the DEA, and the Richland and Lexington County Sheriffs' Departments before those entities were able to acquire aviation assets, and

WHEREAS, he organized the Jamil "Flying Fezzes" to fly burned and crippled children to Shrine Hospitals, personally flying numerous missions, including the transportation of donated organs to distant cities, and continued his charitable service to the flying and non-flying community for 40 years, and

WHEREAS, he is the recipient of the prestigious Order of the Palmetto on two separate occasions from two separate Governors, and

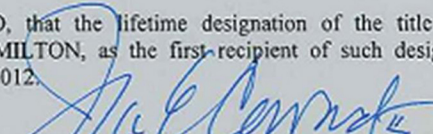
WHEREAS, he served as Airport Manager at Columbia Owens Downtown Airport for 46 years, where upon on his retirement, the airport was re-named in his honor, the Jim Hamilton-L.B. Owens Airport, and

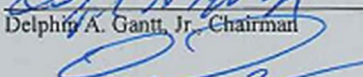
WHEREAS, he has been recognized for many honors, including but not limited to: South Carolina Aviator of the Year, South Carolina Aviation Association "Spirit of Aviation Award", FAA Southeastern Regions Flight Instructor of the Year, South Carolina Flight Instructor of the Year, and the South Carolina Aviation Hall Of Fame, and

WHEREAS, he has served the airports of South Carolina and the citizens at large through his numerous charitable activities, and through his extraordinary efforts to further aviation commerce and aviation interest in South Carolina, and

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the lifetime designation of the title of COMMISSIONER EMERITUS is hereby endowed to JIM HAMILTON, as the first recipient of such designation, such action is unanimously approved on this 19th day of July 2012.


Delphis A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman


Ira E. "Bud" Coward II, Vice-Chairman


Dennis L. Dabney, Secretary

