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## **DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

### **U.S. Representative James L. Oberstar Terminal Dedication Event**

**Duluth, MN**, – The Duluth International Airport (DLH) is honored to announce that the DLH passenger terminal will be named in memory of the late U.S. Representative James L. Oberstar. The public dedication ceremony will take place on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 4:30 where the signage and bronze statue will be unveiled. A social will immediately follow the dedication event from 4:30 to 5:30. Speakers at the ceremony will include Mayor Don Ness, U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, Pete Makowski speaking on behalf of U.S. Senator Al Franken, U.S. Representative Rick Nolan, State Senator Roger Reinert, Ted Link-Oberstar and Duluth Airport Authority Executive Director Tom Werner.

Congressman Oberstar, the son of an iron miner from Chishom, MN, served 36 years — 18 terms from 1975 to 2011 — as a representative from northern Minnesota. One of the lasting legacies from his time in office was his focus and commitment to the transportation industry. In 1989 Oberstar was appointed chairman of the aviation subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, building his reputation as “Mr. Aviation” of Capitol Hill. “Congressman Oberstar was a champion of transportation projects throughout the region. We are eternally grateful for his decades of support to air commerce growth and aviation infrastructure initiatives that have an enduring benefit for business and leisure travelers alike,” said Tom Werner, Executive Director of the Duluth Airport Authority.

It is well known that as the Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Congressman Oberstar played a key role in the federal funding for the new Duluth International Airport. Because of his commitment to the terminal project, we have a terminal that was designed to reflect and showcase our region which exemplifies all of the positivity our area has to offer.

“While my father was a national leader in transportation and many other areas, his role in making this new terminal possible was among his proudest accomplishments. Dad never forgot why he went to Congress in the first place – to improve the lives of the people of the 8<sup>th</sup> District--which is what this facility is about. My family and I are extremely proud that it will bear his name.” said Ted Link-Oberstar, son of Congressman Oberstar.

#### **About Duluth International Airport**

The new state-of-the-art passenger terminal at the Duluth International Airport opened for business on January 14, 2013. Currently United Airlines offers three daily nonstop flights to Chicago and Delta offers five daily nonstop flights to Minneapolis/St. Paul. In 2013 the Duluth International Airport recorded the third busiest year in its history. Be sure to check out our new loyalty rewards program – Thanks Again. [www.thanksagain.com/DLH](http://www.thanksagain.com/DLH)  
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