

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO JAMES A. WILDING FOR OUTSTANDING
LEADERSHIP TO THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION**

WHEREAS, James A. Wilding is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), the independent authority which operates Ronald Reagan Washington National and Washington Dulles International Airports; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilding has announced his retirement from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority effective April of 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilding served as the Director of the Federal Aviation Administration's Metropolitan Washington Airports organization from December 1979 until the June 1987 transfer to the new Airports Authority when he assumed his current position; and

WHEREAS, under both the Federal Aviation Administration and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Mr. Wilding has worked diligently with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) dating back to 1976 when the FAA and COG conducted the first study on the potential noise benefits of adjustment of aircraft departure tracks at Reagan National; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the MWAA Board of Directors designated the Committee on Noise Abatement and Aviation at National and Dulles Airports as the Authority's "preferred mechanism" for community input on noise issues; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, COG and MWAA entered an unique collaborative partnership to conduct a noise compatibility study for Reagan Washington National Airport under FAA planning guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilding has been an eloquent advocate of a balance economic regional airport system with local and congressional leaders, interest groups and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, his leadership has resulted in making the Washington region a better place to live; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Expresses its gratitude and sincere appreciation for exemplary service to Mr. James A. Wilding for outstanding qualities of leadership and an abiding commitment to the Council of Governments and to the people of this region, shown during his tenure at the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.