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Aruba Aviation Pioneer to Receive Award at Grand Opening of Aruba GAT

Houston, Texas (April 20, 2007) – Longtime Aruba aviation pioneer Mr. Harold Oduber was honored with a commemorative award for his more than 50 years of work in Aruba’s general aviation industry at today’s grand opening of Aruba’s new 1,500 square-meter General Aviation Terminal (GAT) April 20. The GAT is located at Queen Beatrix Airport in Oranjestad and is operated by Universal Aviation Aruba N.V., a subsidiary of Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. (Universal®).

Mr. Oduber, 76, is the Managing Director of Oduber Aviation Center Inc., Aruba’s first general aviation FBO, which opened in 1976. Since making his first flight as amateur pilot in 1949, Oduber has remained a fixture in Aruba’s aviation industry.

“As we celebrate the opening of this new GAT, it is appropriate that we honor Mr. Oduber – the visionary, who pioneered general aviation in Aruba by opening the nation’s first FBO more than 30 years ago,” said Walter Lindo, Universal’s UVglobal Network® Regional Director, Latin America and the Caribbean. “In the 70s and 80s, the Oduber Aviation Center was the site where aircraft were brought in for repairs and inspection. Over the course of his career, Mr. Oduber has provided instruction and employment to many aviation professionals including pilots. Oduber Aviation Center’s success laid the groundwork for Aruba’s prospering general aviation industry and the new GAT we are opening today.”

“In addition to being a pioneer for general aviation in Aruba, Mr. Oduber has served as a wonderful philanthropist and ambassador of our industry,” said Claudio Stamper, General Manager, Universal Aviation in Aruba. “Whether leaving his pharmacy business to volunteer for search and rescue missions, personally delivering life-saving medications, or training some of Aruba’s top pilots, Mr. Oduber has contributed to the success of aviation in Aruba for more than a half century. This award recognizes his contribution and expresses our gratitude.”

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