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AIRPORT AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS AND GOVERNOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BILLY BRASHEAR

GAINESVILLE, Fla – Oct. 15, 2007 – The Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority (GACRAA) elected new officers at its monthly board meeting in September and welcomes returning board member Billy Brashear.

Peter L. Johnson, CEO of Optimum Power Solutions, was re-elected to serve as the chairman of the Airport Authority. Johnson has been serving on the board since December 2004 and was reappointed by Gov. Jeb Bush in August 2006. W.E. "Mac" McEachern was elected to serve as the vice chairman and has been serving on the board since August 2005. McEachern has also served previous terms on the Airport Authority. James L. Stringfellow, Sr. was selected to serve as the secretary/treasurer and previously served two years as chairman.

Gov. Charlie Crist reappointed Billy Brashear, retired physician, on October 11 for a second term ending July 31, 2010.

GACRAA is governed by a nine-member board, appointed by the City of Gainesville, the Governor and Alachua County. Members serving on the board include Billy Brashear, William R. Breeze, Mark Goldstein, Peter L. Johnson, W.E. "Mac" McEachern, Winfred Phillips, James L. Stringfellow, Sr., Kinnon Thomas and Janet Woods.

About Gainesville Regional Airport

Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV) serves North Central Florida and the Heart of Florida through all facets of aviation: general aviation, commercial airlines, military and air cargo. Located in Gainesville, Florida, approximately 70 miles southwest of Jacksonville and just minutes away from the University of Florida, Gainesville Regional Airport provides a close, convenient and competitively priced "gateway" to the Heart of Florida. For more information, visit www.flygainesville.com or contact Michelle Danisovszky at (352) 373-0249.

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