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## Former Congressman Robert S. Walker Receives American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics 2004 Public Service Award

Washington D.C. – The Honorable Robert S. Walker, Chairman of Wexler & Walker Public Policy Associates, was presented with the AIAA 2004 Public Service Award at the Aerospace Spotlight Awards Gala on Wednesday night. The Gala was held at the recently opened Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, the newest edition to the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

“This recognition is particularly meaningful to me because AIAA plays such an important role in advancing the aerospace agenda,” said Walker.

The 2004 Public Service Award honors individuals outside the aerospace community who have shown consistent and visible support for national aviation and space goals.

Walker's award read, “in recognition of longstanding leadership and support of space, science, technology and energy issues during a distinguished career as a Congressman and Presidential Advisor.”

For nearly 30 years Walker has been active in aerospace policy making. In recent years, Walker served as the Bush advisor on science, space and technology during the 2000 Presidential Campaign, was appointed by President Bush as Chairman of the Presidential Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry in 2001, and is now serving on the Presidential Commission on the Implementation of the President's Space Exploration Initiative. In addition, Walker is Vice Chairman of the Space Foundation, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

“There is no area of public policy that more defines the future through the development of new knowledge and innovative technology than does aerospace policy. I have had the privilege of working with the pioneers who are creating new horizons for humankind everyday,” stated Walker.

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) is the world's largest professional society devoted to the progress of engineering and science in aviation, space, and defense and has been the principal society of the aerospace engineer and scientist for more than 65 years.