

Resolution of the Aerospace States Association



RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED SAFE SMALL AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (SATS)

- **WHEREAS** a variety of forces are converging to reduce the effectiveness of the nation's existing highway and hub-spoke air transport system to meet the growing needs of short distance, inter and intra-state travel; and
- **WHEREAS** these forces include the maturing of the hub-spoke air transport system, the increasing gridlock on the nation's highways, and the increasing value of human time; and
- **WHEREAS** the nation has an existing infrastructure of 17,000 airports for small, General Aviation Aircraft, of which at least 5,000 could be modified to meet the nation's emerging short distance transportation needs; and
- **WHEREAS** the Federal Government, acting through NASA, has undertaken cooperative technology development efforts with the nation's General Aviation industry to develop a new era of aircraft capable of effectively using these 5,000 airports; and
- **WHEREAS** the investment in, and control of ground infrastructure associated with such airports is under the jurisdiction of the nation's State and local authorities; and
- **WHEREAS** the Federal Government has offered to develop, with State governments, the means to upgrade those 5,000 airports with new capabilities, such as Global Positioning Systems (GPS), and link them together into a system to be known as the Small Aircraft Transportation System (SATS); and
- **WHEREAS** the development of a SATS has the potential to generate transportation-driven economic development benefits; and
- **WHEREAS** the coordinated development of a SATS would be of substantial benefit to the State governments in meeting the transportation needs of their citizens; and
- **WHEREAS** it is the purpose of the Aerospace States Associations to identify, support, and assist in the implementation of aerospace policies which involve coordination between the Federal and State governments,
- **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Aerospace States Association endorses and supports efforts by the Federal Government to undertake the planning and implementation associated with the creation of a Small Aircraft Transportation System (SATS).

by a unanimous vote of the members voting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Kernan".

The Honorable Joseph E. Kernan (Lt. Governor, Indiana)

Chair