

Senate Resolution 180

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and Henson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Miguel Southwell and the employees of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta
2 International Airport and recognizing February 12, 2015, as Aviation Day at the state capitol;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport has been the world's busiest
5 airport for the last 17 years and most efficient airport for the last 11 years, with more than
6 96 million passengers annually; and

7 WHEREAS, the airport strives to be a global leader in airport efficiency and customer
8 service excellence; and

9 WHEREAS, it continues to be the economic engine of the entire Southeast region, generating
10 \$64.3 billion to the regional economy, and is the largest employment center in the State of
11 Georgia, accounting for more than 63,000 airline, ground transportation, concessionaire,
12 security, federal government, City of Atlanta, and airport tenant employees working at or
13 supporting operations of the airport; and

14 WHEREAS, Atlanta's bustling airport would not run as smoothly if not for the hard work and
15 dedication of every employee; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2014, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed appointed Mr. Miguel Southwell, an
17 airport official with more than two decades of aviation management experience in the airport
18 industry, as the new General Manager of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Southwell came to Atlanta after 12 years as Deputy Director of Business
21 for Miami International Airport and four Miami-Dade County general aviation airports and
22 11 years at Hartsfield-Jackson in numerous leadership positions, including Interim Assistant
23 General Manager for Business and Finance; and

24 WHEREAS, he managed the conclusion of the food and beverage concessions expansion at
25 Hartsfield-Jackson, one of the largest expansion projects in the global airport industry, and
26 is leading Hartsfield-Jackson in executing a forward thinking \$5 billion master plan that will
27 chart the course of airport development for the next 20 years; and

28 WHEREAS, he has set a list of priorities that includes enhancing the guest experience at
29 Hartsfield-Jackson, expanding air cargo capacity, building a robust and job-creating
30 international air service development program, and implementing several other initiatives all
31 aimed at strengthening the airport's impact on the economy and making Hartsfield-Jackson
32 an even larger force in the global aviation market; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these
34 remarkable Georgians be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport employees and Aviation
37 General Manager Mr. Miguel Southwell for their efficient, effective, and dedicated service
38 to the State of Georgia; recognize February 12, 2015, as Aviation Day at the state capitol;
39 and extend to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport sincere best wishes for
40 continued growth and success.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Hartsfield-Jackson
43 Atlanta International Airport.