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Aviation Record Holder Named Air Force Memorial Foundation Chairman

Arlington, VA, July 23, 2001 - Ross Perot, Jr., President and CEO of Perot Systems and Chairman of Hillwood Development Corporation in Dallas, was recently named Chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation by the Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees.

Mr. Perot joined the United States Air Force in March 1983, completed pilot training and served 8 ½ years as a fighter pilot. As a civilian, Mr. Perot completed the first flight around the world in a helicopter. Flying over 26,000 miles in less than 30 days, the trip took him across 26 countries and 21 seas and oceans. His helicopter, The Spirit of Texas, is currently on display in the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum.

Mr. Perot has been associated with the Air Force Memorial project since 1993 when he became the Chairman of the Foundation's Site and Design Committee. He will continue to serve in that capacity. As Board Chair, Mr. Perot will specifically focus on the process of gaining final design approval and the actual construction of the Memorial.

Currently, the United States Air Force is the only branch of the military without a memorial in Washington, DC. The proposed Air Force Memorial will be built on a distinct site on the Arlington Ridge, located just north of Arlington National Cemetery. James Ingo Freed, of New York City's famed Pei Cobb Freed Architects, is the principal architect on the project.

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