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**THE HONORABLE KAY IVEY TO RECEIVE THE AIAA 2016 PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

*Honored as a Distinguished Leader and Stalwart Supporter of the Aerospace Industry*

March 14, 2016 – Reston, Va. – The Honorable Kay Ivey, lieutenant governor of the state of Alabama, has won the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) 2016 Public Service Award. Ivey will receive the award on June 16, during the AIAA Aerospace Spotlight Awards Gala at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

The award honors Ivey for her “public service as a distinguished leader and stalwart supporter of the aerospace industry and profession in Alabama and throughout the nation.”

“Lt. Governor Ivey’s work promoting the value of aerospace to our nation’s economy and competitiveness, both in her home state of Alabama and throughout the country, is much appreciated,” said Jim Maser, AIAA president-elect. “She has shown how government can partner with academia and industry to ensure a thriving aerospace sector, and how it can build a successful, well rounded future workforce through strong support of STEM education. AIAA thanks her for her dedication to the aerospace community, and congratulates her on being this year’s Public Service Award winner.”

Ivey is currently the national chairman of the Aerospace States Association, a non-partisan organization of Lieutenant Governors that represents states’ interests in federal aerospace and aviation policy development. Within Alabama, Ivey formed the Joint Legislative Aerospace Caucus a group that hosts briefings by industry professionals, holds hearings on aerospace legislation and regulation, presents special events, and arranges site visits – all in an effort to educate Alabama’s legislators about the importance of aerospace to the state. Additionally, Ivey chairs the state’s Job Creation and Military Stability Commission – that attempts to build federal investments in the state of Alabama. She is also a member of the Alabama Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Council that regulates UAS activities in the state.

Ivey also an active supporter of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education throughout the state of Alabama, spearheading efforts to ensure Alabama’s participation each year in the Real World Design Challenges, that helps students develop the technical skills necessary to succeed in STEM job fields. Ivey also supports the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and its “Space Camp,” in Huntsville, Alabama.

Established in 1986, the AIAA Public Service Award honors a person outside the aerospace community who has shown consistent and visible support for national aviation and space goals.

For more information about the AIAA Public Service Award, or the AIAA Honors and Awards program, please contact Carol Stewart at [carols@aiaa.org](mailto:carols@aiaa.org) or 703.264.7538.

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